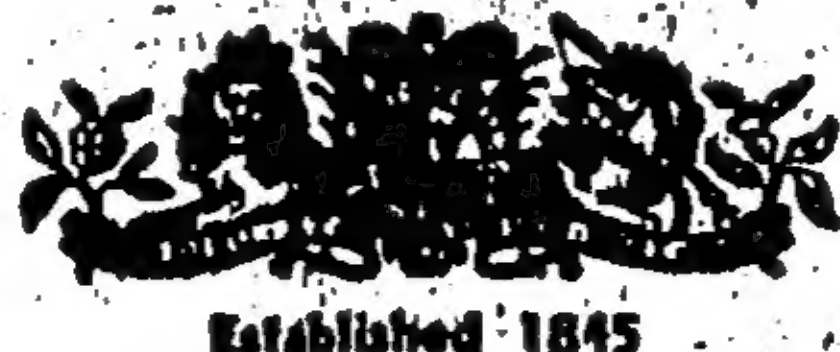


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Singapore

MR David Marshall bases his whole case for early independence for Singapore on a "clear and simple principle—full sovereignty in normal times." That sounds fine, but it is an approach to a problem which suffers the defect of over-simplification. It ignores the complex factors associated with the granting of full independence to a colony such as Singapore which is not only a thriving commercial city, but a key defence base in the South Pacific.

The Singapore Chief Minister's interpretation of "normal times" can immediately be challenged. At the moment the Colony is anything but politically normal. Mr Marshall is governing without a parliamentary majority; his tenure of office is extremely doubtful even if he were to win all he is now seeking at the London talks; he has little reason to feel confident that he would obtain the majority votes of the Chinese once they are fully enfranchised.

These are not "normal times" for Singapore. The threat of Communist subversion and incitement is omnipresent. Neither Mr Marshall nor anybody else can say with confidence that Communist agitators and terrorists will not undertake a full-scale campaign in the Colony. These are the contingencies which must be taken into consideration by Mr Lennor-Boyd and his advisers, even if Mr Marshall and his delegation feel they can be ignored.

THE only point seriously exercising the British government at the current London discussions is Singapore's internal and external security. Mr Marshall asserts on the assumption after independence becomes a reality he can guarantee the Colony's internal security. He is willing to allow Britain to retain responsibility for external security. In point of fact, Singapore's internal and external security are inseparable.

Maintenance of the Colony's function as a key base is of prime importance to South-east Asia and Australia. Loss of Singapore's four floating docks and huge graving dock, its two air bases and its base for the Far Eastern Strategic Reserve would throw the whole of the South Pacific defensive strategy into confusion.

And such a loss is possible not as a result of military action, but in consequence of orderly, free, democratic elections such as those held recently in Ceylon. There, a "neutralist" government has won power and its first action has been to give notice that British bases in the island must be scrapped.

A SIMILAR development could materialise in Singapore if, after independence has become effective, a "neutralist" government, endowed with complete powers over internal security, should win a general election.

There is no questioning Mr Marshall's sincerity of purpose in his quest for independence, but it is difficult to avoid the feeling that to counterbalance his precarious political position he has been striving to outbid his opponents in the extravagance of his claims.

Something more than civil police are needed to safeguard the security of Singapore's precious naval and air bases, and that is why, in demanding internal security powers, Mr Marshall is asking too much.

To the people of Singapore, full independence is a matter of considerable importance, but to the peoples of the South Pacific, preservation of the key defensive bases in the area is of even greater importance. And this is something no British government can afford to disregard.

SELWYN LLOYD ASKS DULLES ABOUT EMBARGO

London, May 7. The Foreign Secretary Mr Selwyn Lloyd held talks with the US Secretary of State Mr John Foster Dulles last weekend on trade with China.

The Minister of State at the Foreign Office, Mr Anthony Nutting, told the House of Commons today the talks took place at the Paris meeting of the Atlantic Council.

Mr Nutting added that they also discussed the list of strategic goods which are embargoed in East-West trade. But he did not reveal the results of these talks.

Mr Nutting was replying to Mr Stephen Swingle (Labour) who asked whether the Government had decided to modify or abolish the China trade ban.—France-Press.

CHINA TRADE ESTIMATES UP

Could Import £60-75 Million Worth Of British Goods

STERLING RESERVE £100m?

London, May 7. Trade circles estimate that China could import £60-75 million worth of British goods a year — if there was no embargo.

Two years ago the Chinese trade mission to Britain estimated its potential imports at £40-50 million a year.

But it is claimed in London that because of economic progress since then, China could import at least £20 million more today.

China's reserves of sterling are estimated at a minimum of £100,000,000, well in excess of the £40 million trade deficit last year.

These disclosures followed reports that Britain was making new efforts in Washington to have the embargo on trade with China revised.

Sterling Mounts Up

Trade quarters pointed out that because of the embargo, China had been exporting much more than it could import. This has meant that its favourable trade balance has increased year by year.

Figures supplied from official Western sources show that in 1955, China had a favourable trade balance of £40 million with Hong Kong, £12 million with Malaya, £45 million with the United Kingdom, £1 million with Japan and £7 million with West Germany.

Its total favourable balance with the rest of the world (excluding the Communist bloc) was estimated at more than £75 million. Against this China had deficits of £8 million each with Egypt and Pakistan, and £3 million each with Switzerland and Ceylon.

Even so, China's net favourable balance in 1955 was about £53 million to which must be added the favourable balances of earlier years. The total is estimated at about £100 million.

And Remittances

This figure does not take into account China's sterling receipts from many other countries in the transferable sterling area (which means practically the whole world apart from the dollar area).

Nor does it take into account the so-called "invisible items," i.e. financial remittances of earnings to China, especially by Chinese living abroad, the amount of which is estimated tentatively at around £50,000,000 a year.

This sum should more than cover the freight and insurance expenses on China's sterling imports.

Because of the embargo, China's imports from Britain last year were only £12 million. But even if they reach £75 million a year following the lifting of the embargo, China should have no difficulty in paying, trade quarters added.—France-Press.

JORDAN TROOPS FIRE ON JEWS' HOUSES

Jerusalem, May 7. Arab Legion troops on the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem opened fire on houses in the Israeli-held new city tonight, according to an Israeli military spokesman.

The spokesman said there were no casualties. United Nations truce observers were called in to investigate. In New York, the UN Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, began a round of private discussions with leading diplomats today on the results of the Palestine truce mission.—Reuter and United Press.

Tito Calls For Speed-Up In Arms Talks

Paris, May 7. President Tito of Yugoslavia tonight called for "impatience" over disarmament and other unsettled East-West problems.

"The armaments race calls for enormous material resources which could be used to improve the well-being of humanity," he said at a dinner given in his honour by the French President, M. Rene Coty.

Marshal Tito, who arrived in Paris today on an official visit, said the method of solving differences by war should be rejected.

New ways should be found to favour understanding between states and peoples and there should be no impatience in seeking these.

But "we must show ourselves impatient in other spheres, for example when it is a question of disarmament and other similar questions with which the world is concerned today," he said.

"Our fervent wish is that the responsible people in the world and, in the first place, the

Youth Tamper With Wreath

Paris, May 7. A Czech-born Rumanian youth tampered with the Yugoslav colours of a wreath which the Yugoslav President, Marshal Tito had laid earlier on the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior under the Arc de Triomphe.

The youth was arrested immediately and taken to a police post for questioning.—France-Press.

leaders of countries which were victims of aggression, should learn appropriate lessons, at least from the Second World War, that they should beware of repeating the errors of the past and of letting their narrow interests obscure the memory of the future, and that they should have constantly in mind that which is essential — that is peace and international friendship and co-operation."

Marshal Tito said a group of men should not be allowed to play with the fate of the world. He said a phase had begun in which barriers against peoples knowing each other were being eliminated. This road must be continued he said.

Speaking of Franco-Yugoslav relations, he said, there was nothing between the two countries which could be an obstacle to the setting up of a useful co-operation in all spheres.

"Up to now I have been able to note that we have identical or similar views on many international problems. Our co-operation concerning these problems can be of great usefulness for improving the inter-

Tengku Wants Loan

Kuala Lumpur, May 7. The Chief Minister of the Federation of Malaya, Tengku Abdul Rahman, said in an interview tonight he would go to London to seek an interest-free loan from the British Government to build up the Federation's armed forces.—Reuter.

Burmese Voters Intimidated By Rebels

Rangoon, May 7. Burmese civil police and military officials said today rebel forces intimidated voters in villages during the recent Chamber of Deputies (Lower House) elections.

Electors could not exercise their franchise freely because the rebels, launched a campaign of murder and arson to support the Communist candidates, the officials said. They were reporting on secretly in country areas and considering whether free and proper elections could be held for the Burmese parliament's Chamber of Nationalities (Upper House) on May 22.

In a communiqué they reported that in the recent election rebels rounded up villagers and forced them to vote for

national climate and strengthening peace. "I believe our visit will be very useful to the two countries. 'Certain differences of views on some problems of foreign policy or internal policy should not and cannot hamper our good relations and our co-operation in the questions of great importance for the two countries.'"

Marshal Tito expressed his country's gratitude for France's participation in tripartite economic aid to Yugoslavia at a serious time in its history when it was going through a period of isolation and great difficulties.

He also paid tribute to France's role in the war. He said it had "met the whole weight and cruelty of the enormous Fascist war machine in that first attack which stupefied the whole world, even those who, in their egoistic blindness, bore a large part of the responsibility in the preparation of this war machine and this aggression."

Mr. Coty's reply in his speech. We hope from the bottom of our hearts that understanding may follow the detente, that gestures and words may lead to acts, to positive agreements which, guaranteeing the security and essential rights of all nations, will order military disarmament and will invite all states to unite their efforts to improve the condition of all men."

M. Coty said he was sorry to see humanity divided into two hostile camps and deplored that there had been raised "a wall of mutual ignorance between peoples, a wall of which we believe wants peace but suspects the others of wanting war—which is not the least danger of war."—Reuter.

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B & K Attend Concert

Moscow, May 7. Marshal Bulgarin and Mr. Khrushchev, turned up unexpectedly tonight at a farewell concert by leading British musicians touring the Soviet Union.

At the end of the concert the Soviet leaders stood up and led a round of applause for the musicians who are headed by Sir Arthur Bliss, Master of the Queen's Music.—Reuter.

10 Dead

Kampala, May 7. Ten people were drowned last night when a van crashed through a bridge railing and plunged into the river below. The dead included six children, three women and a man.—United Press.

Tokyo, May 7. A sea dyke has been built to link Amoy with the mainland, Radio Peking said today.

The dyke is more than 2,200 yards long, the broadcast said.—United Press.

MAN OWNS UP TO CHURCH SHOOTING

New York, May 7. A handyman confessed today that he was the sniper who killed a Church warden and wounded five others during a Rumanian Orthodox Easter service.

He said he was only trying to "scare" the people and did not mean to shoot anyone.

Todorici Sava voluntarily ended a 36-hour city-wide search for him by walking into the District Attorney's office and telling a detective, "I understand I'm wanted for questioning."

Sava, 61-year-old native of Rumania, was booked on a homicide charge after confessing to the District Attorney, Mr. Frank Hogan.

"I wanted to scare," said Sava. "I didn't want to hit. I'm 30 years in this country. I'm for life, for liberty. I did it for America."

KING CAROL'S SISTER.

Mr. Hogan declined to disclose the contents of Sava's "rambling" confession. But he said the man admitted he was the sniper who fired on communists walking in a candlelight procession at the midnight service of the Rumanian Orthodox Church of St. Dumitru.

In the group of 400 worshippers at the service were the former Princess Elena, 47-year-old sister of the late King Carol of Rumania and daughter of the late Queen Marie, and Mr. V. C. Georgescu, an oil company executive, and his two sons. The sons were freed by the Rumanian Government two years ago.

Because of the presence of Elena and the Georgescus, some officials thought the shooting might have been a Communist plot. But Mr. Hogan and other officials discounted this theory.

Sava, a former handyman at the Church, was described as "anti-everything," a disgruntled man. Mr. Hogan said Sava was not an American citizen and was believed to have entered the country in 1929 by jumping ship when he was a merchant sailor.—United Press.

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Pulitzer Prizes Awarded

New York, May 7. Mackinley Kantor's Novel "Andersonville" today won the Pulitzer Prize as the best novel of the year.

The prize for the outstanding drama went to "The Diary of Anne Frank" by the husband-wife writing team of Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett. The play was based on the second World War novel of a young Dutch girl.

The other awards in Literature went to: History — "The Age of Reform" by Richard Holsinger; Biography — Benjamin Henry Latrobe" by Talbot Hamlin. Three journalists divided the award for International Reporting.

They are William Randolph Hearst, Jr. of the Hearst newspapers; Kingsburg Smith of International News Service; and Frank Clunis, editorial assistant for Mr. Hearst.

The award was for a series of exclusive interviews with leaders of the Soviet Union.—Reuter.

Truck Hits Children's Train: 42 Injured

New York, May 8. A special train carrying about 1,000 school children to the Braves-Dodger baseball game in Milwaukee was derailed in a collision with a gravel truck today and 42 were injured.

There were no known fatalities. Ten cars of the 16-car Milwaukee Road train were derailed.

The truck driver was reported in a serious condition. A railroad spokesman said the truck went through a warning signal and crashed into the train.

The impact knocked the first two coaches on their sides. The next six were piled across the tracks and the next two were derailed.—United Press.

British Plans For Singapore

Presiden, May 7. Mr. R. A. Butler, Lord Privy Seal, described Singapore as an island on which it was essential to have — and maintain — a strong base.

At the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference in June it would be made clear that while Britain was prepared to stick to her word to allow any reasonable and legitimate forms of self-government in every part of the Empire, she was not, in specific cases, going to abandon "strategic interests or let the country's position as a great power decline through neglect," he added.—Reuter.

Children Warned

Calcutta, May 7. Rebel Naga tribesmen have threatened to disfigure the faces and slice flesh off the buttocks of any Naga children attending Government schools. The tribesmen have demanded that all government schools close.—France-Press.

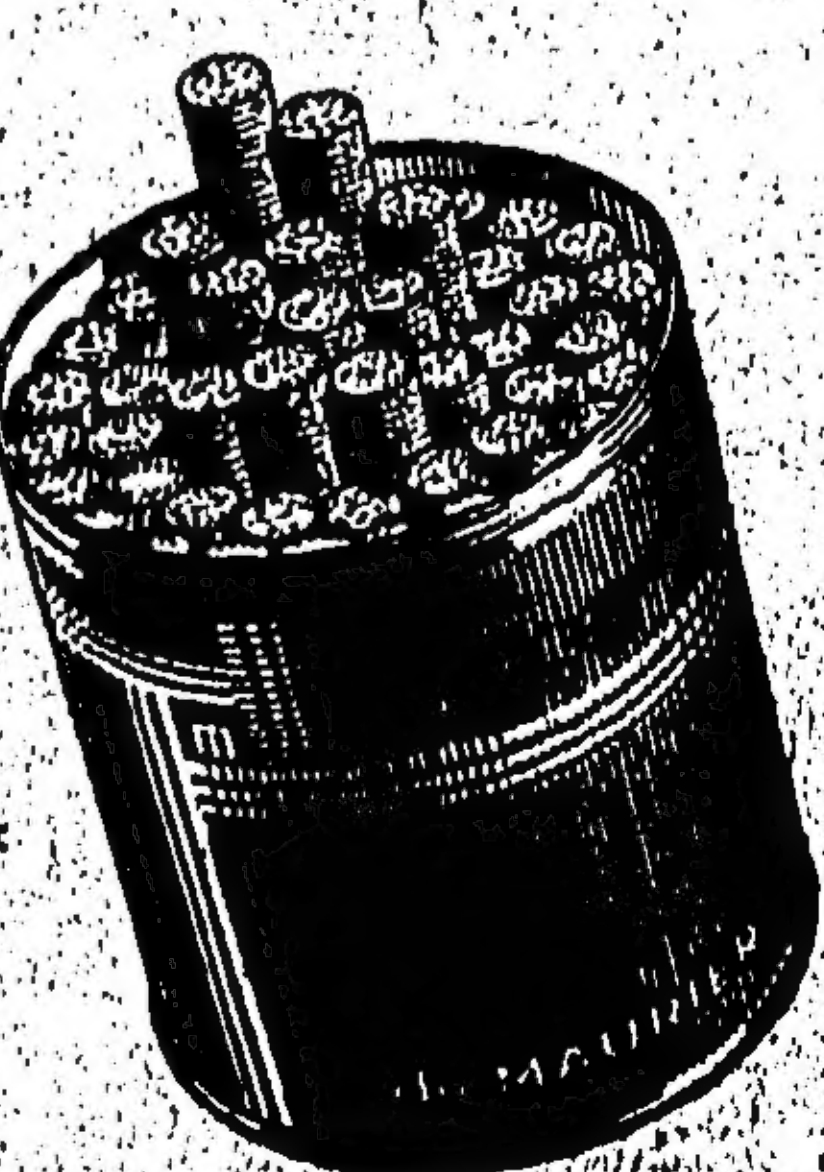
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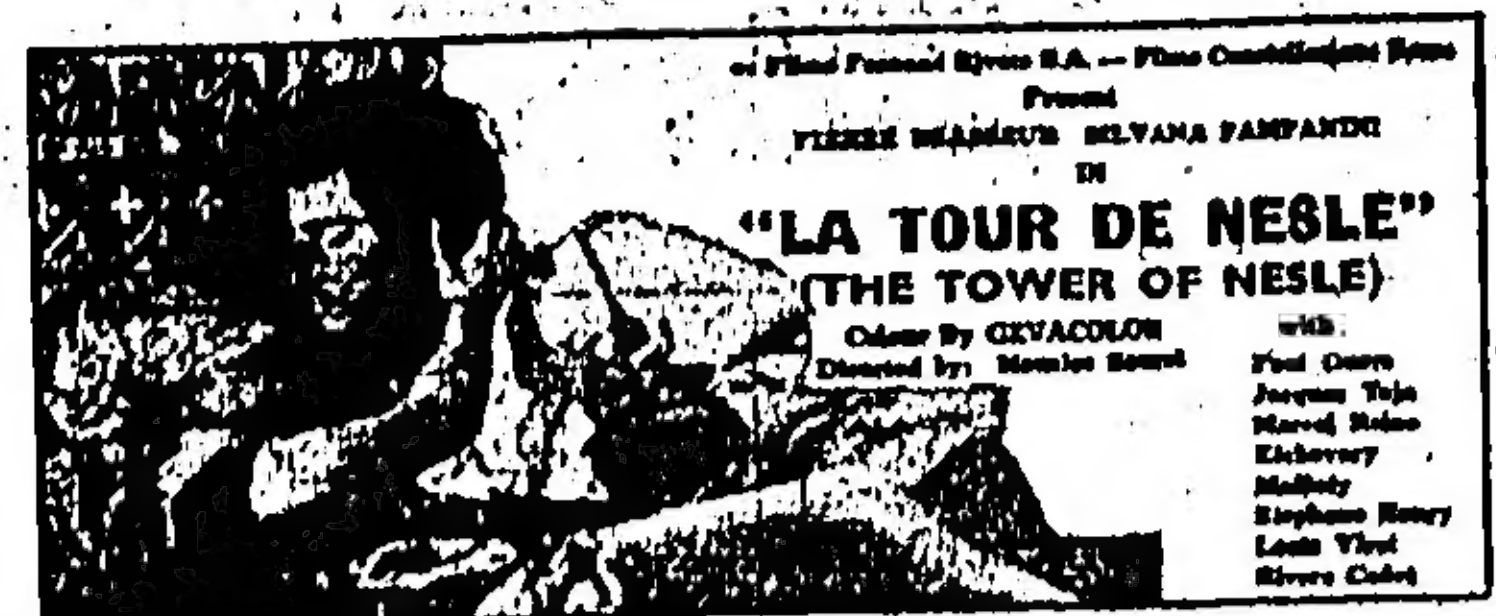
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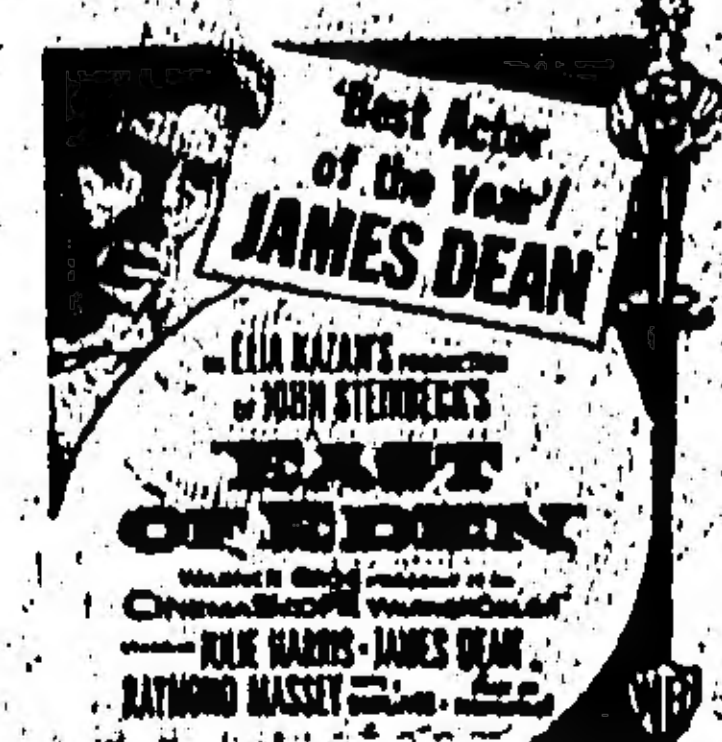
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SEATO PACT A SUCCESS

Forced Communists To Divert To Middle East?

New York May 7.

Sir Leslie Munro, New Zealand's Ambassador to the United States and permanent representative at the United Nations, said here tonight that Southeast Asia was now immeasurably stronger than the time the Manila Treaty was signed in 1954.

"Perhaps the recent apparent switch in Communist efforts to the Middle East is an unconscious tribute to the effectiveness of SEATO in protecting Southeast Asia both from overt aggression and from international subversion," he observed.

Sir Leslie, who recently visited several Southeast Asian capitals on his return to Washington from a two-month visit to New Zealand, was addressing an educational group.

His theme was "New Zealand's developing relations with South-east Asia."

VOLUNTEERS FOR ARREST

Calcutta, May 7.
The police in Calcutta today arrested some 918 "volunteers for arrest" who defied a Government ban on gatherings of five or more persons.

The demonstrators walked calmly up to the police and submitted to arrest in the latest development in the protest movement brought on by the Government's plan to reorganise the Indian States.

There were not enough prison vans to take all of the "volunteers" to prison, and a fleet of 40-seater State transport service buses were commandeered for the purpose.—France-Press.

RUSSIA TO PRODUCE ANTI-POLIO VACCINE

Moscow, May 7.
Production will start in Russia this year of a Salk-type anti-polio vaccine, a leading Soviet scientist disclosed here today.

Writing in the illustrated weekly magazine, *Ogonyok*, Academician, Mikhail P. Chumakov, said, "several hundred monkey" kidneys which are used to produce the polio virus had been ordered from China.

Mr Chumakov, who is director of the Institute for the study of poliomyelitis set-up here last autumn, headed a four-member delegation of Soviet specialists which visited the United States last January to study anti-polio measures.

He said the delegation studied the latest achievements of American experiments by epidemiologists and clinical specialists who led the fight against the polio.

OBSERVATIONS
Mr Chumakov added that during the past 10 years individual outbreaks of polio had been observed in Russia, "and that facts gathered by the delegation in the United States and by direct personal contacts with the scientists in Canada and France would bring more accuracy into much of our work."

"We propose for the time being to begin experimental production of both types of vaccine — from living virus as well as from virus inactivated by formalin," he said.
Mr Chumakov revealed that the necessary equipment had been ordered from the United States.—China Mail Special.

Served Notice

"By the mere fact of its existence the treaty achieved one highly important purpose," Sir Leslie commented.

"It served notice on the Communist chiefs in Moscow, Peking and North Vietnam that the time had come as it had some years earlier in Europe, when they faced a firm and clear-cut line in Southeast Asia. If they followed that line, they would meet the combined strength of the eight treaty members. Certainly this was a tremendous achievement in itself.

Although the process of development was still incomplete, SEATO was steadily gaining in strength and effectiveness.

"I believe its most notable achievement has been its effectiveness in halting the Communist drive that little more than a year ago seemed to be on the point of engulfing the whole area," Sir Leslie said.

Live Decently

Alleged with the United States, New Zealand, as part of a great Commonwealth comprising Malaysia and Singapore was vitally concerned in the stability of the area lying to its north and northwest.

"We are doing our utmost to strengthen that area," he said, "to aid it in terms of mutual self-respect and equality and to create there conditions where communism cannot flourish but where, on the contrary, men and women of all races can live decently and freely."—Reuter.

London, May 7.
Major-General Sir Cuthbert Allen Spratton, a former Director-General of the Indian Medical Service, collapsed and died while walking today at St. Martin, Guernsey, where he was holidaying. He was 79.

He retired in 1937 after being on the Indian Medical Establishment since 1900.
Sir Cuthbert was President of the Medical Council of India, for many years prior to his retirement.—France-Press.

MILLE MIGLIA WINNERS



Onlookers at Prachera, watch as 24-year-old Eugenio Castellotti flashes by on his way to win this year's Milie Miglia (1,000-mile) race in his Ferrari at an average speed of 85 mph. There is a possibility he may be the last winner; a Socialist member of the Chamber of Deputies has demanded that the race be banned, following this year's casualty list of the five persons killed and 21 injured.—Express Photo.

NATO MUST BE ENLARGED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Washington, May 7.

US Secretary of State Mr John Foster Dulles arrived in Washington from Paris today after a stop-over in Bermuda.

Mr Dulles read a communique to the Press in which he said that no time must be lost in enlarging the role of NATO.

The Secretary of State, who had made a brief stopover at Bermuda, was received at the plane by Under-Secretary of State Mr Herbert Hoover and the ambassadors in Washington of NATO member nations.

Turning Point

Mr Dulles then made a statement to the Press on the recent meeting of the NATO Council in Paris.

He said, "I return from a meeting of the 15 foreign ministers of the North Atlantic Treaty countries. This meeting would be, and I believe will be, a turning point for NATO."

He added, "It was recognised that the unity of the Atlantic community must be further developed. It is to surmount the shifting tides of international Communism and if it is to serve the needs of this and coming generations.

"NATO was conceived primarily as a military

organisation," said Mr Dulles. "Nothing that has yet happened convinces us that we can safely lower our guard. But it is now generally agreed that the time has come to develop further the unity of the Atlantic community particularly in the non-military and political fields."

General Confidence

He added, "No time is to be lost in realising this enlarged role for NATO. So three of our foreign ministers have undertaken to consider all proposals along this line and to make a report as quickly as possible. The importance of this task was emphasised by the fact that it is being undertaken by the foreign ministers themselves."

"There was general confidence that the Atlantic community will meet the demands for its own political evolution and thus meet the challenge of our times," he concluded.—France-Press.

AUSTRIAN ELECTION CAMPAIGN QUIET

Vienna, May 7.
THE first Federal election campaign of a free and sovereign Austria since 1938 entered its final week today with no excitement evident among the 4,800,000 voters.

The professional politicians are accusing each other of charges ranging from incompetence and boasting to corruption, nepotism and bribery, but the two main contesting parties

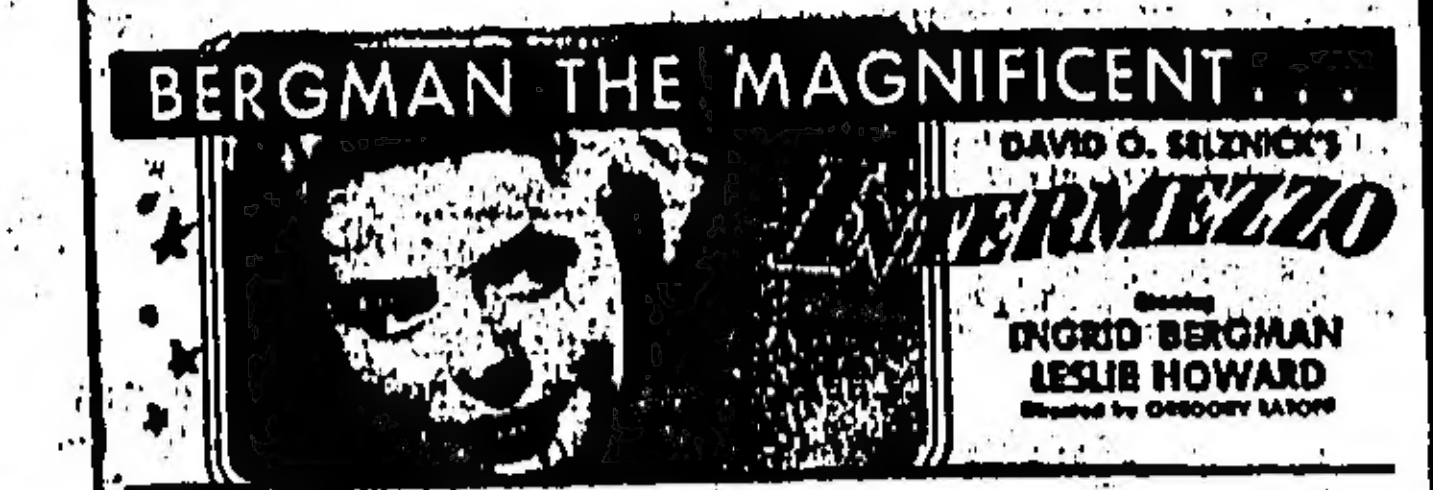
say they must renew their coalition after Sunday's election is over.

The main contestants are the Right-Wing People's Party of Chancellor Julius Raab and the Socialists of Vice-Chancellor Adolf Schnerf. These two, in coalition, have governed Austria for the last ten years and both have repeatedly asserted that their continued coalition after the elections is in Austria's national interest.

This has not prevented the People's Party from accusing the Socialists of looking towards Moscow, or the Socialists of charging their Government colleagues with being the party of profiteers and big money.
The elections have been made necessary a year before this Parliament's life needs to end — because neither has a clear mandate for a solution of the many problems left over from the Allied occupation of Austria, which ended last year.—China Mail Special.

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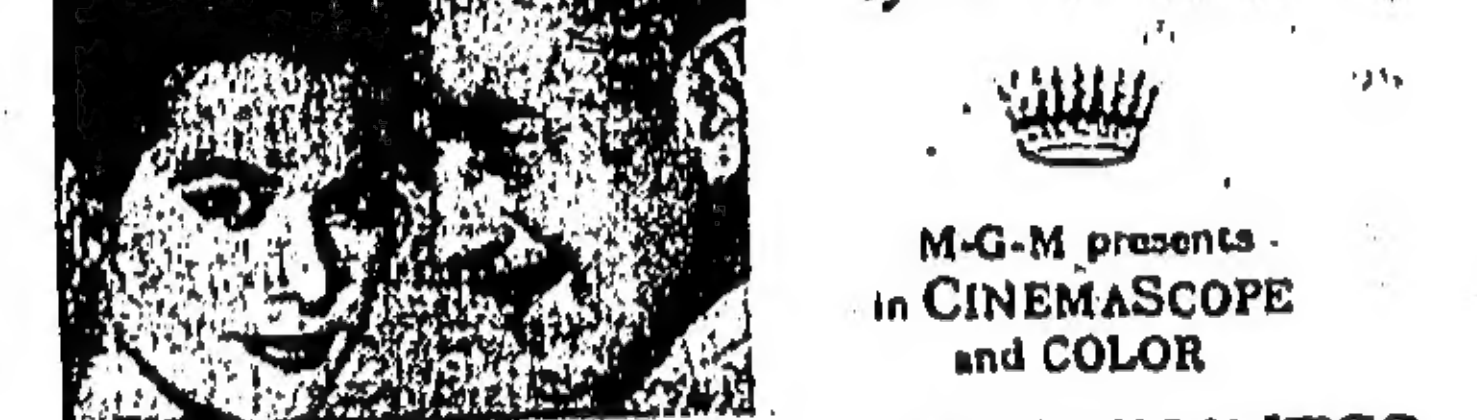


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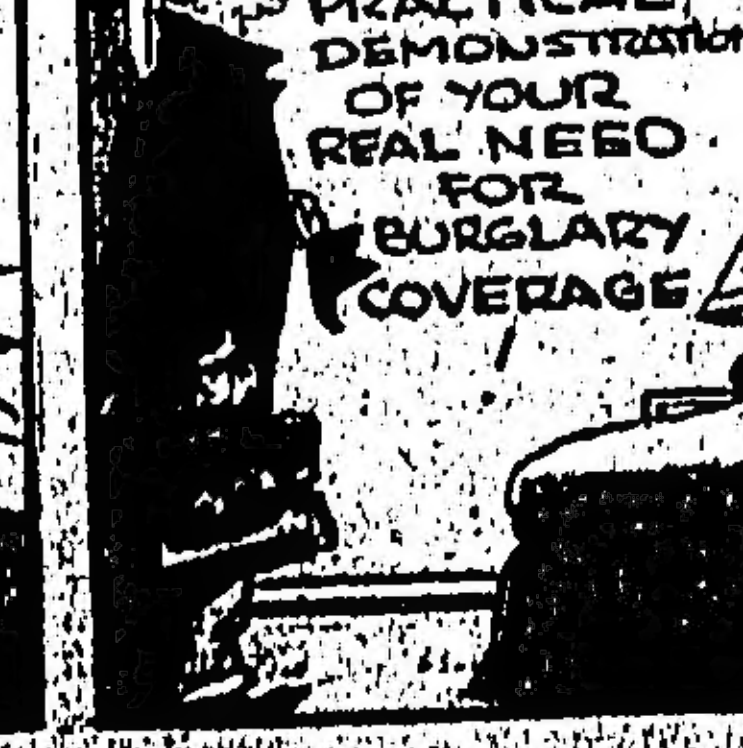
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New Chairman



The new chairman of BOAC, Mr. Gerard D'Ehrmann, who took office for the first time last Tuesday.—Central Press Photo.

Industrialisation Policy Approved By Indian Unions

Surat, May 7. THE Indian National Trade Union Congress today endorsed the new industrialisation policy outlined by the Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, in his second five-year plan. The annual session of the Congress, here, asked the Government to "put on its so-called 'industrial machinery' to ensure the success of the policy."

Mr. Nehru's plan, announced on April 20, aims at raising the industrialisation with emphasis on heavy and basic industries. It calls for a 25 per cent increase in the national income by 1961, creation of 10 million new jobs and a more even distribution of wealth.

Indian Planning Minister, Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, told the Congress today that production was the key to the fulfilment of the plan.

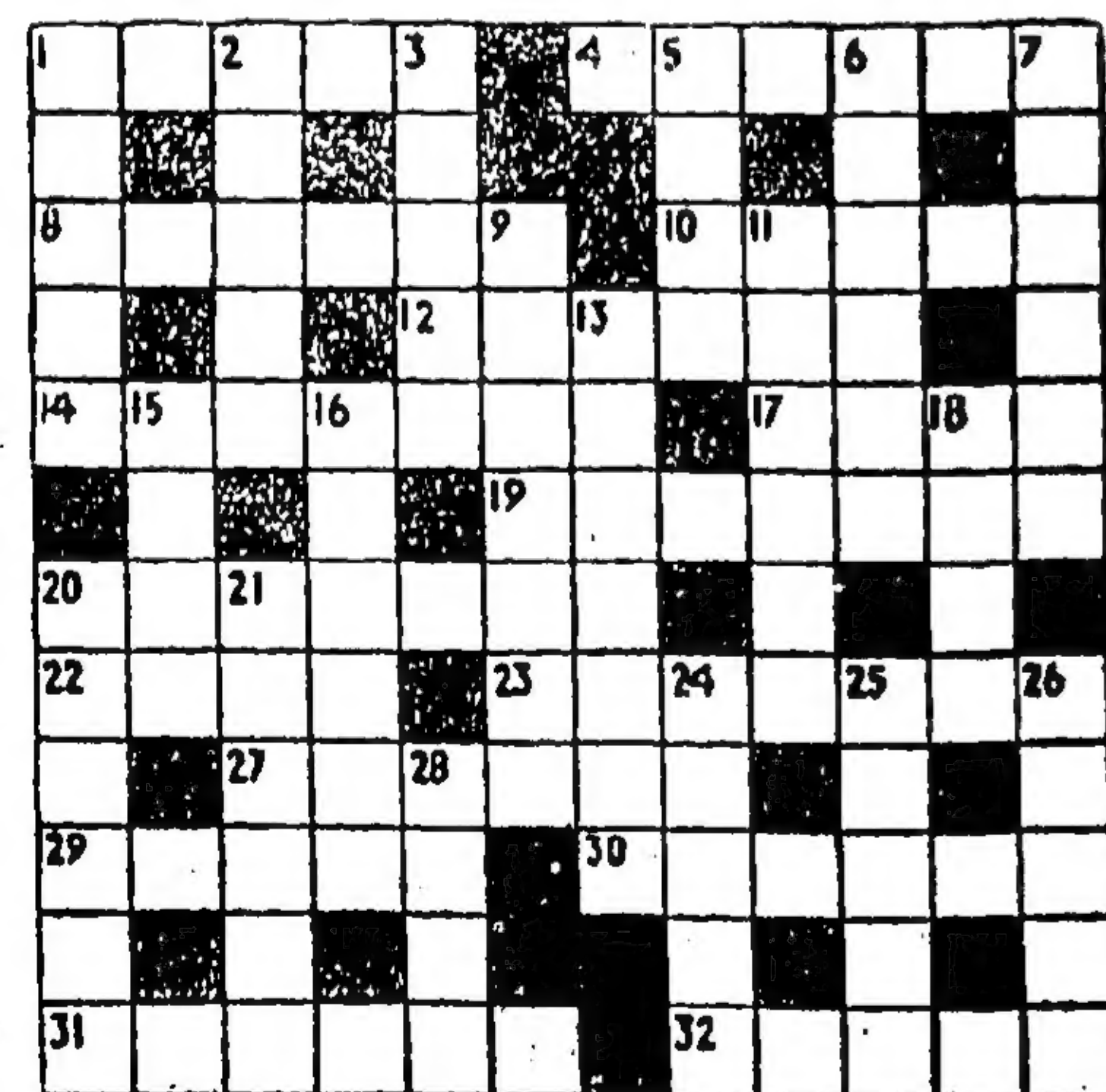
300 PER CENT RISE

Unless there is greater production there cannot be any distribution, said Mr. Nanda. "To provide a living wage for workers, there must be 300 per cent rise in workers' wages, and we have only planned for 25 per cent increase in the national wealth. Unless the production of the Congress, Mr. D. D. Ambekar, called for a rise in the rate of industrial growth.

"Without a revolution of wages the workers and the public will have no enthusiasm for the success of the industrialisation of the second plan and their voluntary co-operation in national development will be very difficult," he said yesterday.

The general secretary of Congress, Mr. R. P. Tripathi, had advocated a 25 per cent increase in workers' wages "straight away."—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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23 Rasping (7).
24 Attacks (6).
26 Saturate (6).
30 Spread ungracefully (6).
31 Close relation (6).
32 Masturbates (6).
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2 Protective garment (5).
3 Twenty (6).
5 Plant (4).
6 Elementary book (6).
7 Property (6).
9 Put out of order (7).
11 Portray (6).
13 Abandons (7).
15 Notion (4).
16 Punctuation marks (6).
18 Spare (4).
20 Kind of monkey (6).
21 Darkens (6).
24 Savoury jelly (5).
25 Foolish (6).
26 Dupes (6).
28 Withered (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Prepared, 9 Real, 9 Aversion, 11 Feintless, 12 Mole, 15 Musing, 16 Electing, 18 Self, 21 Venture, 22 Arbiters, 23 Aged, 27 Discover, Down: 1 Trip, 2 Main, 4 Rave, 5 Port, 6 Ralec, 7 Dunce, 9 Alone, 10 Enrue, 12 Elude, 14 Tenor, 16 Olive, 17 Scars, 19 Staid, 20 Robes, 21 Otis, 22 Zee, 23 Urg, 24 Rude.

War Risk. EDEN WORKING ON GRAND DESIGN SAYS BUTLER

London, May 7.

Mr R. A. Butler, Lord Privy Seal in the British Government, said at Preston tonight the recent Anglo-Soviet talks in London had lessened the risk of a local Middle East conflict which could set off a general nuclear war.

"Communist, capitalist and neutralist alike have recognised that universal destruction must follow the advent of nuclear war," he said in a public speech.

"No doubt the knowledge of the appalling prospect has caused the danger of total war to recede. But there is always the risk of local hostilities which could set off a fireball and put in jeopardy the nuclear war that nobody wants."

No Coincidence

"Such a risk has been lessened by the statement on the Middle East which emerged from our talks with the Russian leaders."

Mr Butler said Sir Anthony Eden's Government had been working to a grand design. It was no coincidence that in January the Prime Minister met President Eisenhower, then in April Marshal Bulganin and Mr. Khrushchev, and in June the Commonwealth Prime Ministers at a London conference would meet.

"The conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers will be the culmination of the personal contact in the space of only six months between our Prime Minister and the leaders of the world's three great power groups," he said.

Both Sides Better

Mr Butler added: "If suspicion flows from misunderstanding, then we have shown the Russians how firmly we stand on a number of supremely important issues. I think both sides are the better for this straight speaking."

Jungschlaeger's Body Arrives

Security Precautions At Airport

Amsterdam, May 7. Unprecedented security precautions surrounded the arrival at Schiphol Airport tonight of the body of Leon Jungschlaeger.

Jungschlaeger, 53-year-old Dutchman, died in hospital in Dzakarta, last month, eight days before the verdict was due in his trial on charges of subversion against the Indonesian Government.

Police cordoned off the arrival platform from which Press, radio and television men were barred.

FILM TAKEN

Reporters were removed from the goods building to which the coffin was taken, and a Press photographer who succeeded in photographing its arrival had to surrender his film to the police.

The coffin was being taken to Maastricht, Jungschlaeger's birthplace, by road later tonight, for the funeral on Wednesday.

The dead man's widow, and his son John, a private in the United States forces, are already in Maastricht.—Reuter.

Red Tape Mouse Traps In Canberra

Canberra, May 7. At Canberra's seat of learning—the National University—they had their own way of dealing with mice that had found their way into residences there.

Professor R. D. Wright, professor of physiology at Melbourne University, told the story to a post-graduate school in hospital administration as an example of Australia's bureaucratic system.

He said the administration of the National University sent to the local store for six mouse traps. The messenger came back with the news that the local store was "out" of mouse traps. The administration enlisted tenders in six Australian capitals for the supply of six mouse traps. A tender was accepted and the traps supplied.

Professor Wright said total cost was about £A45 (£30 sterling).—China Mail Special.

'SLAVERY' RESTORED TO PAY TAX

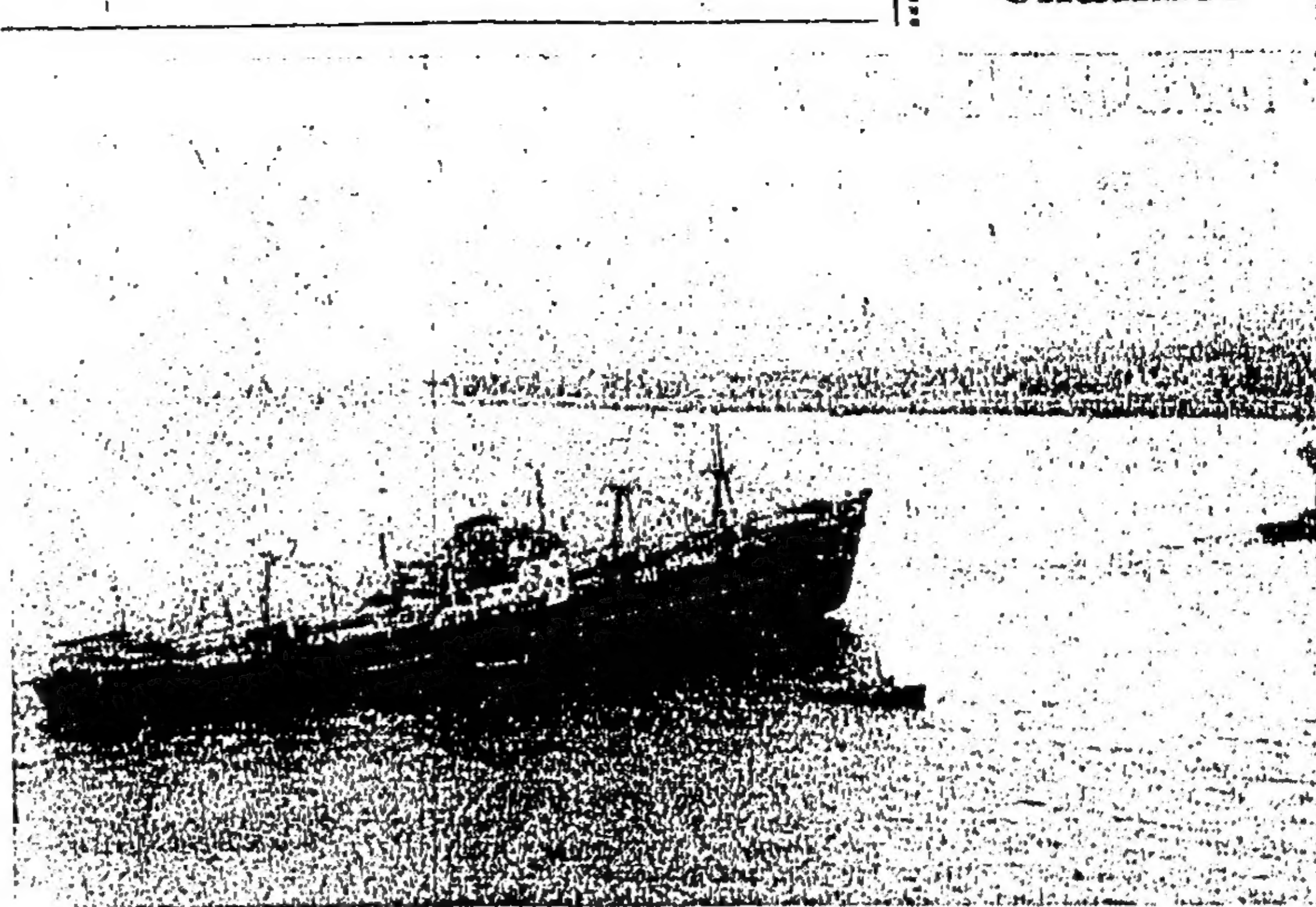
Freetown, May 7. Human beings have been pledged and sold in Sierra Leone to pay taxes, according to a witness at the Cox Commission inquiring at Ro-Wareh into anti-tax disturbances.

The witness, Pa Buwah, said that the people did not want to start slavery all over again, so they were therefore asking that taxes be reduced.

He told the inquiry that people had been pledged and sold in the Lokko Mansama area.

Another witness, Abdul Bai Kamara, said that in some cases youths of between 14 and 16 had been assessed for tax.

China Mail Special.



This is the 6,200-ton Norwegian ship Hassel, 18 of whose crew jumped for their lives early Thursday after the ship collided with the Liberian tanker Andraas V in the English Channel. The accident happened in dense fog. The Hassel was finally beached on the Kent coast.—Express Photo.

Baltic Refugees Object To Russian Visit

Stockholm, May 7. A delegation of 16 Soviet members of Parliament arrived here today amid protests against their visit by 25,000 refugees from the Baltic states living in Sweden, and by some newspapers.

The visit is in return for a visit by Swedish members of Parliament to Russia last year.

The Russians' programme includes an audience with King Gustaf Adolf and meetings with the Swedish Premier, Mr Tage Erlander, and Foreign Minister, Mr Olof Udden.

Obedient Quislings

The refugees from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, the three Baltic nations absorbed into the Soviet Union in 1940, have called a protest meeting against the visit and addressed an open letter to Parliament.

They said the leading personalities in the delegation did not in any way represent the states and were regarded by the Baltic peoples as "obedient Quislings."

The letter asked Swedish members of Parliament to press for the release of 119 members of the last pre-Soviet Estonian Parliament and 45 members of the Latvian Parliament they said had been imprisoned by the Russians.

Sweden's biggest circulation evening newspaper, the Liberal Expressen, headed its editorial this evening with the words "You Are Not Welcome," in Russian letters.

Evil Methods

The Liberal morning newspaper Dagens Nyheter said in its editorial today: "Swedes claim that they always—with the exception of tonight—hate the regime whose emissaries they now honour."

"They detect it not because it is based on a different concept of society but because its means and methods are evil."—Reuter.

Bullet-Proof Waistcoats For Soldiers

Oslo, May 7. The Norwegian Defence Research Institute is working on the construction of a bullet-proof waistcoat for Norwegian soldiers.

They are using an American nylon and plastic type of waistcoat as a pattern but are anxious to make the garment warmer for use in Norway's arctic climate.

The American waistcoat gives security from a 9 mm. pistol bullet at about 30 yards range and is very effective against shrapnel and splinters.

The Norwegians are experimenting with the use of wool instead of the nylon used in the American article. The waistcoat could then replace the soldier's jersey or windproof jacket.—China Mail Special.

Collision In Channel

FRANCO-TUNISIAN DISCORD

Move To Restore Good Relations

Tunis, May 7.

Premier Habib Bourguiba met his advisers today to prepare for Wednesday's talks with French Government leaders that may improve or break Franco-Tunisian relations.

Relations between the former protectorate and France reached breaking point last week. But Premier Bourguiba agreed, after several long-distance telephone calls from Paris, to go to the French capital and thrash things out with Premier Guy Mollet on Wednesday.

French newspapers, both Right and Left, have criticised M. Bourguiba's New-Destour (New Constitution) Nationalist Party Cabinet last week for what they claimed was a systematic campaign of insults to French prestige in Tunis.

Statue Removed

It started ten days ago when the Tunisian Municipal Council removed a statue in the name of France's colonial empire, M. Jules Ferry, and renamed the main avenue "The Street of National Independence."

Simultaneously, the statue of a French cardinal facing the entrance of the Modern quarter was removed to a less prominent place. M. Bourguiba said it was only natural to remove signs recalling the country's colonial past, but the French took it as a slap in the face.

The situation was aggravated when the French High Commissioner, M. Roger Seydoux, failed to receive an invitation when Premier Bourguiba entertained the Consul Corps.

And there was plain talk about a rupture when military honours were denied at the Tunisian Bey's Court to the French Minister of State, M. Jacques Chaban-Delmas.

Protocol Reasons

The colourful Palace Guard snapped to attention when Premier Bourguiba arrived to see Bey Sid Mohamed al Amin Pasha. But they turned their backs on M. Chaban-Delmas, whose car arrived at the Palace seconds later.

The Tunisian protocol official explained that Tunisian Ministers did not get military honours in Paris.—United Press.

Cromwell's Bible In America

Philadelphia, May 7.

The whole panorama of the world development of the Bible is covered in a priceless collection of the Philadelphia Free Library, which has been placed in exhibition here.

Dr Baruch Weltzel, associate in the Library's department of education, philosophy and religion, has brought together from the Library's rare book department and other departments a collection that few cities can duplicate.

The collection includes Robert Louis Stevenson's Bible which was in his possession at the time of his death in Vailima.

There is a two-volume edition which belonged to Queen Charlotte, consort of George III. There is also the great Bible of Cromwell and Cramer and the Bishop's Bible, which was the official Bible used during the reign of Elizabeth I.—China Mail Special.

MAMMOTH FOSSILS FOUND

Paris, May 7.

Radio Peking reported today that the fossils of a mammoth unearthed in the Northeast China province of Kirin are displayed at the Kirin Museum in Changchun.

The fossils indicate the mammoth was 13 feet in height, with stout long curved tusks, the radio said, adding that the skeleton was still in good condition.

Mammoth fossils had been discovered in various parts of Kirin, confirming that such huge elephants lived in herds along the Sungari River 20,000 to 30,000 years ago, the radio noted.

The mammoth, with dense hair all over its body, lived in snow-bound regions, but the species became extinct because of changes in climate.—France-Press.

Arms Decisions Up To Individual Countries

Washington, May 7. State Department spokesman Lincoln White reiterated today that other nations will have to decide for themselves whether to send arms to Israel.

He made this comment in response to questions as to whether there was a change in US policy following Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' attendance at the NATO Council meeting in Paris last week.

One or more news reports said that the US had decided now to "urge" other nations to send arms to Israel.

Mr White said today the US policy is unchanged since Mr Dulles outlined it in his last news conference before departing for Paris, namely that the US itself would not send arms there for the present but had no intention to try to encourage an embargo of such shipments by other nations, or to inhibit them from sending arms.

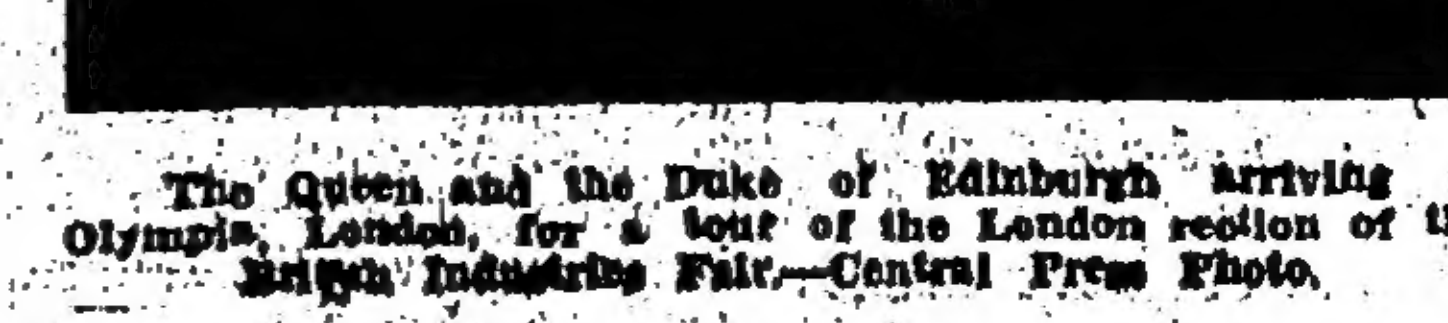
Other nations must decide their policy for themselves, he said.

Mr White also stated that the US present policy is to try to encourage peace in the Middle East through the United Nations, as long as Russia co-operates with that aim in the UN.

Otherwise the US policy will revert to more action under the tripartite declaration of 1953 in which Great Britain and France participated, he said.

"Unless the Russians obstruct action in the United Nations, we will continue to work through that agency," he said.—United Press.

THE QUEEN AT THE BIF



The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh arriving at Olympia, London, for a tour of the London region of the 1956 International Fair.—Central Press Photo.

Truman Not To Be Delegate

Kansas City, May 7.

Former President Truman said today he has asked the Missouri State Democratic convention not to make him a delegate to the national convention and that his request had been accepted.

The former chief executive, who generally was credited with almost single-handedly obtaining the 1952 Democratic presidential nomination for Mr Adlai Stevenson, said he wants to be "a completely free agent" at the national convention.

Mr Truman has been a Missouri delegate to every national Democratic convention since 1936.

FREE AGENT

"I have requested the Missouri State convention not to make me a delegate to the national convention," Mr Truman said in a statement.

"They have agreed that they will comply with my request and they are doing it simply because I did request it. I want to be a completely free agent when I go to Chicago for the national Democratic convention."

Mr Truman would not elaborate on the reasons for his decision to attend the convention in an unofficial capacity. He said reports did not get military honours in Paris.—United Press.

Norwegian Prize Bonds Sold Out

Oslo, May 7.

This year's issue of £3,750,000 worth of prize bonds by the Norwegian Government has already been sold out.

Last year, two issues of prize bonds to a value of altogether £7,500,000 were bought up almost immediately.

The Norwegian prize bonds cost 50 shillings each. They are negotiable, and the ones issued last year are now selling above par. The bonds mature and are repaid at face value after 15 years.

The 3.5 per cent interest is devoted entirely to financing prizes. Drawings are held three times a year. At each draw over 3,600 bond-numbers are picked out for prizes. These range from £5,000 to £5. All are free of tax.

All the bonds participate in all the draws so that a bondholder can win more than one prize in the course of the 45 times draws are held before the bonds mature.

In the course of the fifteen years before the bonds are repaid, prizes to a value of about £2,000,000 are distributed on a £3,750,000 issue.—China Mail Special.

Freighter On Fire In Colombo

Colombo, May 7.

Fire broke out today in the coal-packed hold of the Pakistan-registered freighter Ocean Enterprise lying in Colombo Harbour.

Firemen flooded the holds containing coal in an attempt to put out the blaze.

The Ocean Enterprise was to take a consignment of coal to Karachi.

She arrived in Colombo on April 17 with her fan engine broken down. A few hours before her arrival here, the crew had put out a fire in the engine room.

Repairs were being done on the fan engine when today's fire broke out.—France-Press.

Davy Crockett Casualties

Sydney, May 7. Doctors, parents and teachers are alarmed at a new, sudden popularity of bows and arrows among Sydney children.

The rebirth of the old-fashioned "cowboys and Indians" games among children—attributed to the current series of films and comics about the American pioneer Davy Crockett—has had serious repercussions.

Two small boys have already lost the sight of one eye and several minor wounds have been reported—all from home-made arrows.—China Mail Special.

Don Iddon's Diary follows the flag to Kenya WILL THE JUNGLE KILLERS GO UNDERGROUND?

I RETURNED a few hours ago from the petrifying forest. Here in the bush and the tangled jungle the remnants of the Mau Mau, who terrorised Kenya, hide in caves and lairs.

The Mau Mau, the most brutal of all killers, are on the run. Thirteen hundred are said to be still at large, although the pessimists say "There are a damn sight more than that."

What is certain is that the British Army, the police, and settlers have hunted the Mau Mau, at least for the time being.

It was the idea of Lieutenant-Colonel Ted Bullock, an enterprising organiser, and P. H. Lansbury, an outstanding Government official, that I should go up country. Not knowing what this involved I agreed.

Only later did the young captain who accompanied me in the Land Rover say: "This is the real thing, it's not phony." Actually, Brigadier General Harrington, who gave me the briefing, said: "It's the wild life more than the terrorists you'll have to watch."

This handsome young general said: "The Mau Mau have been their fight. They're hunting on a desperate, for survival, living on honey, banana, and herbs, making occasional raids on farms to steal cattle. What our chaps have to look out for are elephants, buffalo, rhinos, and occasional hippos."

I said: "No lion?"

"Not where you're going," said the general.

Happy troops

BRIGADIER-GENERAL Harrington said it was good training for the troops, and they liked the work. The patrols of ten or 12 men or fewer, with native guides and dogs, go for three or four days at a time to hunt the terrorists.

On the way to the bush I called on District Commissioner Noel Hardy, at Mavusha.

Hardy, a shy, sensitive man, said: "Things have quietened down now, although around here it was very bad."

I told him I'd never seen a Mau Mau and he said that could be arranged. So some recently captured terrorists were produced under heavy guard, and I had a look at members of the bloodthirsty, witch-doctor-ridden gangs. They were ugly lot, but stood up obediently and glowered.

We pushed on to a camp of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry on the edge of the Abernethy Forest. There Major Dettington, the perfect English public-school type, look over, pointed out his area of operation, which had just been really expanded, showed me the maps with pinpoint markings his patrol and the list of killed and captured.

He said: "Heads?" I could have done with a whisky and soda without the soda, but I needed, and climbed into the car.

"This is perfect ambush country," said the major, who fully had there's not much doing now. Wild life, perhaps."

Our patrol

THE car skidded and lurched drunkenly on the rutted track, which was half under water in patches, and we knifed into the jungle which is called the forest of bush hiccups.

After about half an hour's drive we came to our patrol. The men had built a fine little camp among the bamboo trees. The guard saluted me, and we walked past the barricade and I talked with the men.

One of them, Lance-Corporal John Cox, had killed a Mau Mau just a few days ago.

I got him, but two others got away. Said this Shropshire lad: "They run like rabbits nowadays."

"Where did this happen?" I asked, wishing my elf back in New York or the Savoy Grill, and Cox said: "Near here, three or four miles away."

It was in the bush that I learned that one of the last of the Mau Mau leaders, Dedan Kimathi, who is still at large, presumably near here, has gone mad.

Dedan Kimathi calls himself General Rucha and Field-Marshal Sir Dedan Kimathi. He has declared the bush to be the new Government. House and thanks he preside over his own

parliament. He is 35, but according to our informants is now a blubbery wreck. We went him dead or alive and there is a price of £500 on his head.

He might surrender, but this hard core of terrorists who are left don't surrender easily.

Still fear

THE prisoners I saw were well-fed and strong, although they had only recently been captured.

The fighting has by no means stopped. During the past few days there have been clashes and killings, but we have smashed the Mau Mau for the time being anyway.

I was the qualification because many here fear the Mau Mau have gone underground and will revolt and rampage again.

My friend Robert Ruerk, author of "Something of Value," a terrifying book with all the macabre details of Shanghai, said: "It does not make sense, is here and he tells me: 'There could be a terrible resurgence'."

We have about 50,000 Mau Mau behind bars, but we are siphoning them out—at least the grey, or "mugger," and hope they will have learned a horrible lesson.

The Governor here, Sir Evelyn Baring, who asked me to call on him, said: "Obviously we cannot keep thousands and thousands of person in behind bars indefinitely. It does not make sense. I'd say the Mau Mau is nine-tenths beaten as of now. I would make any forecast."

The cost

THE Governor also told me: "This has cost a lot—the British taxpayer is pouring in £1,000,000 a month. Special Branch men, security types, were what were needed and we have got them. You can have the best army in the world, but you have to know whom you're battling. You have to know where to shoot. So getting information was vital."

As we sat in Government House I could not help thinking that only a year ago Nairobi itself was a city under siege, a place where women went shopping with guns in their handbags.

"Operation Anvil," when we swooped and rounded up 30,000 suspects, was the turning point.

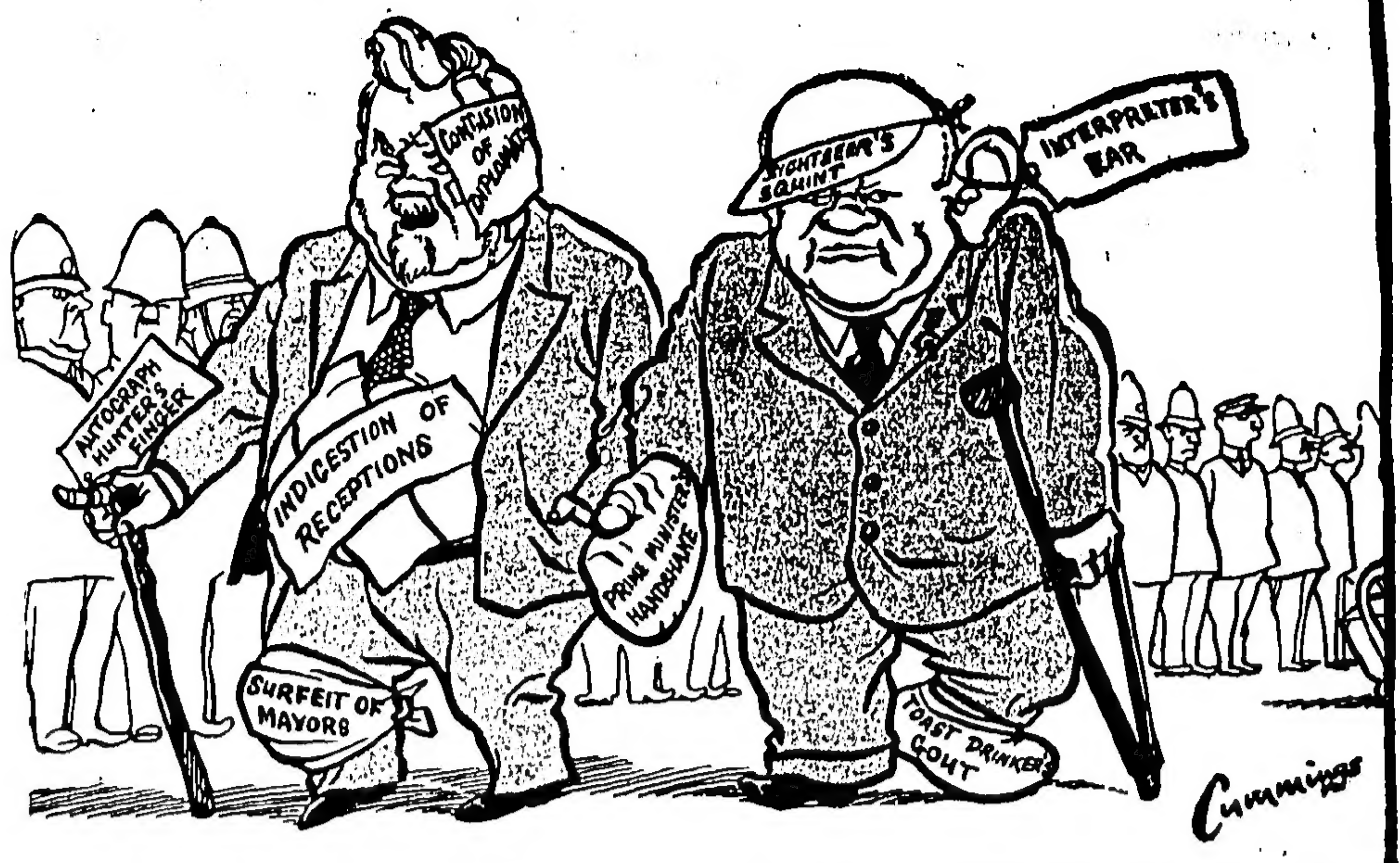
Some people here, like Air-Commodore Howard Williams (retired), deplore the trend to multi-national government. Williams fears "a black revolt" within two years.

Critics say: "There just aren't enough Europeans to run the show." In Kenya there are more than 5,500,000 Africans as against 30,000 Europeans and fifty odd thousand Asians. Nairobi, a city of 150,000, has only 15,000 whites and 55,000 Asians, as against eighty-odd thousand Africans.

The problem here is complex. At all costs we must prevent any further uprisings and massacre.

The Governor, who intends to maintain the state of emergency, says: "We must have law and order."

The British, with their flag high, are maintaining law and order in a country which reeked with primitive blood-hates. Britain can be proud.



"NO, NO, DON'T SPEAK OF AMERICAN HOSPITALITY—I WANT TO DIE IN MY MOSCOW BED"

Sir Beverley Baxter, MP, heads

A MOVE TO SAVE THE ENGLISH THEATRE

EVERY now and then in the political life of a country there emerges a cause which cuts across party loyalties and unites opponents in a common cause. A recent example was the series of debates on the death penalty. But now there has arisen a new struggle in which individual Liberals, Socialists and Tories have formed a common front.

The question we have to put is this: "Is the living theatre worth saving?" If the answer is "Yes," then what does the Chancellor of the Exchequer intend to do about it?

In Britain we have what is called "The Entertainment Tax." The principle of it has a simplicity which would not confuse even a stage detective. Here it is. When a theatre-goer buys a ticket at the box office a portion of the sum is remitted to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Just to underline the fairness of it, the theatre does not have to pay anything at all to the Treasury if no one buys a ticket.

Golden Age

ADMITTEDLY, such a tax would have been no great hardship in the early 1920s when, incidentally, I first became professionally interested in the theatre and realised that it was not only a form of entertainment but the custodian of our speech and the continuing story of the thoughts and emotions of the British people.

In that period television was little more than an idea born in the skull of a Scotman named Baird. In the cinema there were silent films, affectionately called "flicks" by the public. The gramophone had made progress and was delighting us with opera stars and song hits from musical comedies.

It was a golden age in the British theatre. Shaw was at his zenith, Galsworthy was feeling his way from the novel to the play. Knoblock was a trustee investment as a dramatist, Arnold Bennett was failing in his attempts to bridge the wide gap between literature and the drama but even his failures

were significant. And there was that cheeky young fellow, Noel Coward, offering his witty ribaldry as a protest against Barrie's sentimental whimsicalities.

Ellen Terry, the most loved goddess of the stage, was apt to fluff her lines as the nurse in Romeo and Juliet, but she dwarfed the star-crossed lovers into insignificance, even when she tottered on to the balcony.

Tails Or Nothing

THE theatres rang up the curtain at 8.30 p.m., and there were raised eyebrows if any chap in the stalls wore a dinner jacket instead of tails. In fact, at Covent Garden a man in a dinner jacket could not sit in the stalls. It was tails or nothing.

Therefore we can agree that an entertainment tax, despite its basic unfairness, would have done no harm to the theatre and would have brought a useful revenue to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

But today the living theatre is fighting a losing battle of survival. To paraphrase the famous words of Sir Edward Grey in 1914: "The footlights are going out one by one."

Take, for example, the case of a recent British musical called "The United States," which bravely challenged the importation of American musicals that have dominated the British stage ever since the end of the Hitler war. It was a costly production and it played to a business for eight months. And what was the financial result? Peter Saunders, who presented it, lost something like £30,000.

Salaries were never cut—the powerful Stage Union orchestra got their agreed rates throughout, the Musicians' Union made sure of that. And the owner of the theatre got his rental promptly each week. But the man who did best out of it was the Chancellor of the Exchequer. He took his toll right up to the end. Whatever happens to the others, he always wins.

One By One

AT this point the logical mind might argue that since every theatre in London is presenting some current attraction there is obviously no danger of the British drama disappearing.

Certainly they are doing business as usual—that is all of them that are left. The famous Gaiety Theatre is now some kind of a business building. The enormous Stoll Theatre, built by Oscar Hommerstein's grandfather, is to be converted into offices. The lovely St. James's Theatre, where Dickens put on his own play, where du Maurier charmed his generation, where Lord

Queenberry tried to flog Oscar Wilde during one of Oscar's first nights, and where my own play in 1941 was a spectacular flop, is going to the highest bidder as real estate.

Yes—the footlights are going out one by one.

I do not suggest that the theatre in London will cease to exist. Whether it is New York, or Paris or London, there is and always will be a theatre-going public, segmented in the holiday season by visitors from abroad. But theatres will turn more and more to musicals and less and less to plays, except when the subject of a play is of a type that excites controversy or has a "shock" value.

But it is not even as simple as that. Where are the London "wicks" to get their training? The long established pattern has never changed. Students go to the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, then to the provincial repertory companies and, after they have learned in that rough school, they invade London.

Unhappily and inevitably, the closing down of provincial theatres is proceeding at a faster rate than in London. Television has so altered the habits of the British people that, at 8 p.m., the traffic on the roads in the country would give the impression that, for tactical purposes, the British had abandoned the island kingdom.

Where once the family made a weekly visit to the local repertory theatre and saw their favourite actress playing Desdemona as if she had never heard of Pegg o' My Heart (which she played the week before), the family goes to the local cinema and spends the other evenings gazing at TV.

Ivory Tower

BUT the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his ivory tower takes his toll even though the repertory company is heading for bankruptcy.

Now comes the paradox. While the Treasury robs and dries up the theatre of its last pennies, it takes an entirely different view of the imported arts of opera and ballet. I agree that these two arts, although essentially European in origin, must have their place in a metropolis. But why should the Arts Council, which controls the Covent Garden Opera House, hand out thousands upon thousands of pounds to ballet and opera and ignore the essentially British form of expression, the drama, in the theatre?

The undying fascination of this island kingdom is centred upon the variety of its national life. The Welsh cling to the harp and the English to their own language even though it is spoken nowhere but in the valleys. The Scot does the kill on any or no provocation. The English sit in happy peace in the stands as the white-flannelled cricketer stabs the ball with his bat and adds nothing to the score. And now upon this varied scene there has come the encroaching plague of television—the destroyer of conversation and the enemy of individualism and self-expression. Mass produc-

tion in the factories has been followed by mass production of entertainment.

When the Parliamentary budget was only a short time ahead, we held an all party meeting in one of the Committee Rooms of the House of Commons to which we invited some of the leading personalities of the British theatre. How well actors speak! We received wit and style and sincerity from them. In fact, they beat the politicians hollow at their own game.

At the end it was decided that a motion should be put down in my name on the Parliamentary Order Paper which is circulated every day to all MPs. The only reason for choosing me as the sponsor was because of my dual affiliation with Parliament and the theatre. Here is the motion as it duly appeared:

The Response

"THAT this House, realising the importance to the prestige, culture and well-being of the nation of preserving the living theatre, and noting with concern the continual closing of theatres and music-halls in all parts of the country, resulting mainly from losses caused by box office receipts less entertainment duty falling below minimum running costs, urges Her Majesty's Government to investigate the situation with a view to what extent further closings can be avoided, by extending the present limited range of exemptions from entertainment duty to include all forms of entertainment in which performers are personally present and performing."

The response was most encouraging. From both sides came messages from MPs asking that their names should be added. Yet there was one disturbing factor. There were more Socialists than Tories who wanted to save the living theatre, just as there were more Socialists than Tories in favour of abolishing hanging. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, who is of course a Tory, would have to take that into account. Nevertheless, we decided to ask the Chancellor to receive an all party deputation.

Man Of Destiny

SO it passes to Harold Macmillan, that brilliant, unorthodox, enigmatic figure who is being touted as the Conservative Party's man of destiny if, and when, the party needs such a being. Many Canadians will remember him when he was ADC to the Duke of Devonshire at Rideau Hall. In fact he acted according to tradition and married the boss's daughter—Lady Dorothy Cavendish. He has a deceptive drawl which is completely out of keeping with his penetrating mind. And just when his detractors decide that he is a snob, he will suddenly brandish his Scottish farm labourer grandfather at them. Harold Macmillan was an immense success as Minister of Housing—a poet which he inherited from Aneurin Bevan—but he was not at all successful as a Foreign Secretary.

As one of the owners of the great Macmillan Publishing House, he never loses touch with reality nor the importance of self-expression. It is because of this affinity to the arts that we have great hopes in our struggle to save the theatre.

It might be argued that in the clash of world rivalries and philosophies, the fate of the theatre is of small importance. But it is not so. When Napoleon was contained in Moscow he spent many hours drawing up the code for the French theatre. And it is an interesting historic fact that the theatre in Paris still operates under it.

Vital Difference

SO we shall go to Macmillan—Tories and Socialists together, with one or two Liberals thrown in, and we shall plead for the life of the living theatre. We shall ask him to remove the entertainment tax because it is unfair and because it is destructive.

No doubt he will answer that, if the tax is taken off, the individual theatre will not receive more. In fact, the only result would be that the Exchequer would get nothing and the theatre would get the same amount as now. To which we would reply that the tickets would not be reduced in price because the ever-rising costs necessitate the maintenance of the ticket price at its present level. The vital difference is that the theatre would get all of it.

At any rate that is our task and that is our purpose. And if there are businessmen reading this who think that our case is not sound, may I ask them this question. How would they like to be taxed on turn-over even if the final result showed a loss?

Yes—we have hopes. Long may the theatre live to tell in speech and drama the continuing story of the British people through the ages!

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Well if 'cultural exchanges' means that we get the Russian battle and they get the British Council I'd say Sir Anthony's driven a pretty shrewd bargain!"

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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

SURREY NEED JUST ONE MORE SUCCESS TO SET AN ALL-TIME RECORD

By DENNIS HART

In case you had read too much about the Australians and their plans and theories I want to remind you of a little domestic cricket issue to be decided in England this summer.

It is called the County Championship. For more practical purposes let's term it the Surrey-Yorkshire battle.

For the past four seasons Surrey have carried off the title. Last year Yorkshire finished sixteen points behind Surrey but 58 points clear of the third team, Hampshire. Now Surrey need just one more success to set up an all-time record of winning the Championship in five successive seasons.

How can two sides so dominate a competition? It's all a question of bowling. Well, nearly all. Last season Surrey's top-scoring batsmen hit only 1,418 runs. Only four batsmen passed the 1,000 mark. But look at the bowling figures, three centuries here, of wickets, and not until number seven in the list do we come to an average of over 20 runs per wicket.

Top was left-arm spinner Tony Lock. His figures of 183 wickets, average 12.22, was just reward for whole-hearted cricket. Lock was followed by

Peter Loader, Alec Bedser and Jim Laker, England men all. MORE EQUAL BALANCE Yorkshire have struck a more equal balance between bat and ball. But there is no denying the value of their Test bowling trio of Bob Appleyard, Freddie Trueman and Johnny Wardle. Mike Cowan, who bowls left-arm quickies and Test all-rounder Brian Close lent valuable support.

Two all-England attacks. No wonder Surrey and Yorkshire sweep the field. Both these attacks will function on all cylinders this season. That is

why I think the Championship will again be a Surrey-Yorkshire affair.

And the winners? I plump for Surrey again. But I think Yorkshire's challenge will be even stronger.

Firstly their bowling should be even more powerful. Back trouble kept off-spinner Bob Appleyard out of action for half of last season. He still topped the averages. He again can do the same.

How will Surrey meet this increased threat? An ex-serviceman can help them, too. He is Mike Stewart, who is also an amateur soccer international. He should solve one of Surrey's opening batting problems, and maybe one of England's before long.

For the rest the Champions will rely on the enthusiasm and determination of the "lower order" to make up for the deficiencies of their "betters."

PRECARIOUS FOUNDATION This may seem a precarious foundation for the building of England's No. 1 county side. But under skipper Stuart Surridge Surrey have given the word enthusiasm new colour in the cricket field.

They bowl and field like men possessed. They grudge the opposition every run. When it comes to getting runs themselves every man chips in. Laker, Lock, Loader and Surridge himself all wield a resolute blade. Between them they knocked out close on 1,000 runs last season at an average of nearly 19 per innings. With Surrey's wickets costing about fifteen runs apiece for the season that represented a useful profit.

TEST CLAIMS Test claims are likely to hit both Surrey and Yorkshire hard this season. It will cost the Champions the services of Peter May, Lock and perhaps Laker. Yorkshire will almost certainly lose Willie Watson and Bob Appleyard and perhaps Freddie Trueman and Brian Close. Which side is best equipped to stand the Test trials? In the batting it is definitely Yorkshire. But Surrey have still got that spirit.

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ITALIAN TENNIS

Lew Hoad To Meet Davidson In Singles Final

Rome, May 7. Lewis Hoad (Australia) the No. 1 seed in the Men's Singles final when the Italian Lawn Tennis Championships were continued today, beating Herb Flam (United States) 4-6 6-0 8-0 6-1, in a semi-final.

In the other semi-final David Davidson (Switzerland) beat Budge Patty (United States) 11-9 9-7 6-2 and will meet Hoad in tomorrow's final.

In the final of the Men's Doubles Hoad and Jaroslav Drobny beat Nicola Pietrangeli and Orlando Sirola, the Italian Davis Cup players, 11-9 6-2 8-2.

In the semi-finals of the Mixed Doubles Mrs. Long (Australia) and Luis Ayala (Chile) beat Miss Darlene Hard (United States) and Bob Howe (Australia) 6-4 6-3 and Miss Shirley Bloomer (Britain) and Giorgio Echlini (Italy) beat Miss Mary Hawton (Australia) and Ion Vernam (South Africa) 6-2 6-7.—Reuter.

One-Legged Man Wins 21 Sports Championships

Sydney. A one-legged taxi driver who tackled and held a shop-breaker is a champion in general sports.

Before the driver, Richard Cooper, of Bexley, a Sydney suburb, lost a leg in the Middle East in 1942. He was Light-weight Champion of the Australian Imperial Force. Since he lost the leg he has won 14 trophies in golf tournaments, six swimming trophies and a cup in an open tennis competition.

Two sprinters, I like in handicap company—Mr. More Sauce and Silver Robert. More Sauce was unable to accept an opening presented to



KEN ROSEWALL

AUSTRALIA 295 FOR FOUR AGAINST LEICESTERSHIRE

Leicester, May 7.

A sound innings of 123 by opening batsman Jim Burke helped the Australian cricketers score 295 for four here today in reply to Leicestershire's first innings of 298.

Burke ended his innings writhing in pain after snick-ing a sharply-rising ball from fast-medium bowler Terry Spencer on to his chest. He bruised his ribs badly and was taken to hospital for an X-ray.

As the ball rebounded from his chest it was caught by Charles Palmer at backward short leg, putting him out.

In scoring his first century in England he showed himself an excellent craftsman but was slow at times.

At one stage he did not score for 37 minutes. Burke hit 19 fours and was at the wicket for four hours 23 minutes, with Ken Mackay, who hit 58. He put on 118 for the second wicket.

Keith Miller lived the end of the day with an unbeaten 65 in 104 minutes, including ten fours. Leicestershire added only 23 runs for their Saturday total of 273 for 7, but they beat their previous best total against an Australian team—236 in 1905.

SCOREBOARD

Leicestershire 1st Innings, 298	
Australians, first Innings	
J. Burke c Palmer b Spencer	123
J. Rutherford b Van Gelooven	13
K. Mackay c Van Gelooven	58
B. Munden	58
R. N. Harvey, c Firth b	11
Jackson	11
K. Miller not out	65
Burge not out	19
Extras	6
Total for 4	295
Wickets fell at 35, 153, 195, 235.	

ONLY BRUISED RIBS

Leicester, May 7. An X-ray examination here tonight showed that Jim Burke, the Australian opening batsman, who was injured in the cricket match against Leicestershire today, was suffering nothing worse than heavily bruised ribs.

Burke had been struck by a ball from fast-medium bowler Terry Spencer, and he went to hospital as a precautionary measure.

After scoring 123, his first century in England, Burke was dismissed when he snicked the rising ball on to his chest and it rebounded into the hands of a fielder.

Mr. W. Dowling, the Australian manager, said tonight: "I think Burke will be all right. He may even turn out tomorrow."

The bruises are to the lower ribs, just under the heart.—China Mail Special.

Mike Souchak Wins Colonial Golf Tourney

Fort Worth, Texas, May 7. Peter Thomson, Australia's British Open Golf Champion, tied for sixth place in the 25,000-dollar Colonial invitation tournament here yesterday.

Mike Souchak (New York) won with a 78-hole total of 280 and broke ahead of Tommy Bolt (Texas).

Thomson tied at 287 with Ben Hogan, former British Open Champion, and two other Americans.—Reuter.

SPORTS VIEWPOINT

Wimbledon Looks Wide Open For Ken Rosewall—But Don't Gamble On It

Says ERIC NICHOLLS

Anyone thinking of placing a bet for Wimbledon? You're welcome. For there are such confusing and conflicting items as tennis elbows, British "bull-dog" spirit, a sweet American smile, and an Australian husband who looks like going astray—in a tennis sense—to be consumed and inwardly digested.

And if recent happenings in the British Hard Courts Championships at Bournemouth are anything to go by, my money is staying right where it is.

Budge Patty, the tall, composed American, who has been seen, and been conquered at Wimbledon until he has become almost a fixture in London SW, had his programme severely jolted by the tenacity of British No. 1 Roger Becker. Roger, in a fighting mood, kept Patty on court for two hours twenty minutes before conceding the match 9-11, 6-4, 4-6, 4-6.

It wasn't only "tennis elbow" that made Patty stop by at the referee's tent on the way to the dressing rooms to scratch from the Doubles in which he and Low Head were favourites.

On the same afternoon, and on the same centre court, shock-haired Billy Knight took a set off Low Head, who looked anything but composed, as he begged to differ with line judges, cursed himself for bad shots, and by appearances might have burst into tears at any moment. Head was beaten by Ham Richardson, the Yank at Oxford, who in turn went down to Patty ("tennis elbow" and all) in the final.

FORM AND FORTUNE All of which leaves you somewhat in the dark as to current form and fortune. Add to your list of current problems, the brilliant tennis being played by the girl with the engaging smile—Darlene

Hard—and your guess is as good as mine as to what is going to happen on the sun (?) drenched courts at Wimbledon.

But back to the "tennis elbow". True, it was on hard courts, not grass, but Budge Patty showed enough to suggest that he will be a real force in tennis affairs this season—despite the much publicised elbow.

He has already minimised the risks of his suspect arm by cancelling himself out from Doubles events. His tennis at Bournemouth, particularly in consolation of crisis, was right out of the top drawer, his confidence unshakable.

And what of Becker, the British "bull-dog" who caused him so much trouble. Against Patty, Becker pulled out all the stops to play what must have been his finest tennis.

It showed promise of greater things to come, but not of sufficient immediate promise to enable any major upset on his part in this year's tournaments. The other "bull-dog", Billy Knight, did well against a resistant, temperamental Head. True, some of the decisions by the line judges were bad, really bad. But Head seemed equally upset over his own shortcomings as he was with those in authority.

SECOND THOUGHTS

He arrived in England firmly and widely tipped as more than just a Wimbledon "possibility". It looked like Low's year. Now critics and fans alike must be having second thoughts.

Head's speciality, power tennis, seems to have triumphed over his better judgment. At least that was the impression at Bournemouth. He usually tried to hit his way out of trouble, and only succeeded in running into more.

Finally, there is Darlene Hard, the lovely young Californian girl who brought a stretch of over six seasons of the serious business of winning titles last year.

Darlene, who cannot — it is hard to imagine why—get a place in the American Wimbledon Cup team, come over under her own steam. The wages she earned as a waitress. There will be many a long distance driver in the States, who will watch with more than the usual amount of interest in Darlene's progress. Smiling her usual charming smile Darlene told me she felt happy and completely satisfied with her form. She has every reason to be. And I for one expect her to go one stage further than the semi-final she reached last year.

All of which, you might say, brings us back to where we started.

TRUMPET BLASTS Not quite. There is one name so far unmentioned. Probably for the very good reason that he hasn't arrived in England yet, and when he does, it is not likely that he will be accompanied by publicity trumpet blasts.

Closing Odds For The Derby

Closing odds for the Derby, to be run at Epsom on June 1 over a mile and a half, at the Victoria Club on Friday tonight were:

21-1 Leocandia.
10-1 Phyllis II.
100-7 Tenazze.
20-1 Gilles De Retz, King David II and Pirate King.
25-1 Rolstar.
28-1 Full Measure and Buisson Arles.
40-1 Mileston, Monterey, the Tuscan and Idle Rocks.
60-1 Cash and Courage, Atlas, Al Mojanah, Modell, Prepayment and Mongol Warrior.
68-1 Daclan.
The race callover will be on Monday, May 14.—Reuter.

Braves Down Brooklyn Dodgers Three To One

New York, May 7. One year ago today the Brooklyn Dodgers owned a glittering 20-2 record. This afternoon they dropped their ninth decision in 17 games this season and fell below .500 for the first time since the opening game of the 1954 season.

The Milwaukee Braves brought about this startling turn of events when Bob Buhl pitched a six-hitter to give them a 3-1 victory over the Dodgers. Del Crandall batted in two runs with a single and a sacrifice fly. Earl Hargis accounted for the other tally with a home run.

Buhl scored his second victory without a loss and was in serious trouble only in the fourth and eighth innings. Both times he induced Jackie Robinson to hit into a rally-killing double play. Ransom Jackson's pinch single drove in Brooklyn's run in the seventh.

Carl Erskine started on the mound for the Dodgers but was removed after yielding six hits and two runs in 3 2/3 minutes.

Tom Brewer pitched a four-hitter to give the Boston Red Sox a 5-1 win over the Cleveland Indians in the only other day game. Brewer retired the first 10 Indians before yielding a single to Jim Hegan and wound up with a total of nine strikeouts.

Brewer supported his own cause with three hits and benefitted from homers by Dick Gernert and Norm Zaichnik, which paced Boston's 14-hit assault on Mike Garcia, Art Houtteman and Bud Daley. Kansas City's scheduled night game against the Washington Senators was postponed but is other night contests Detroit was at Baltimore and New York at St. Louis.—United Press.

JOE ERSKINE OUTPOINTS RICHARDSON

Cardiff, May 7. Joe Erskine, Cardiff, outpointed Dick Richardson of Newport in the ten rounds open-air all-Welsh fight here tonight between two of Britain's brightest heavyweight prospects.

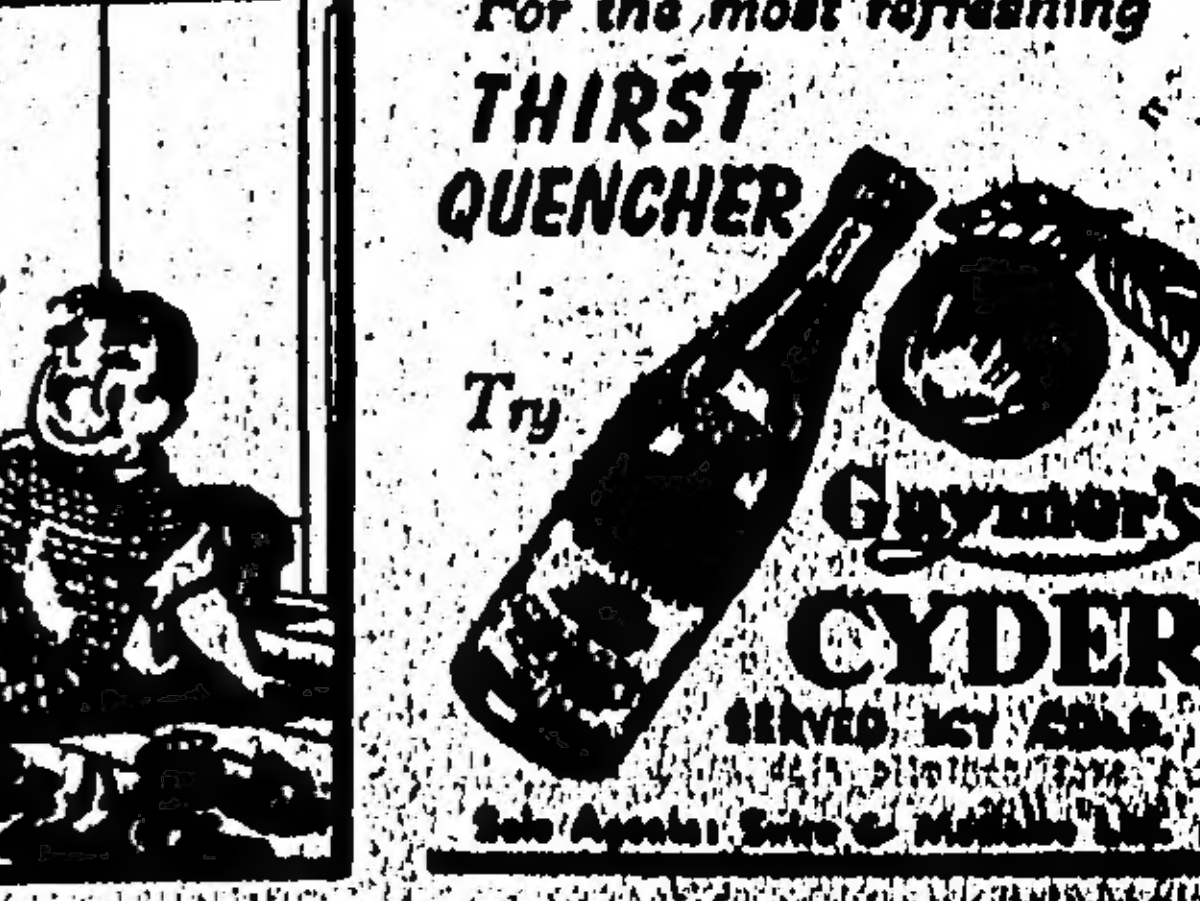
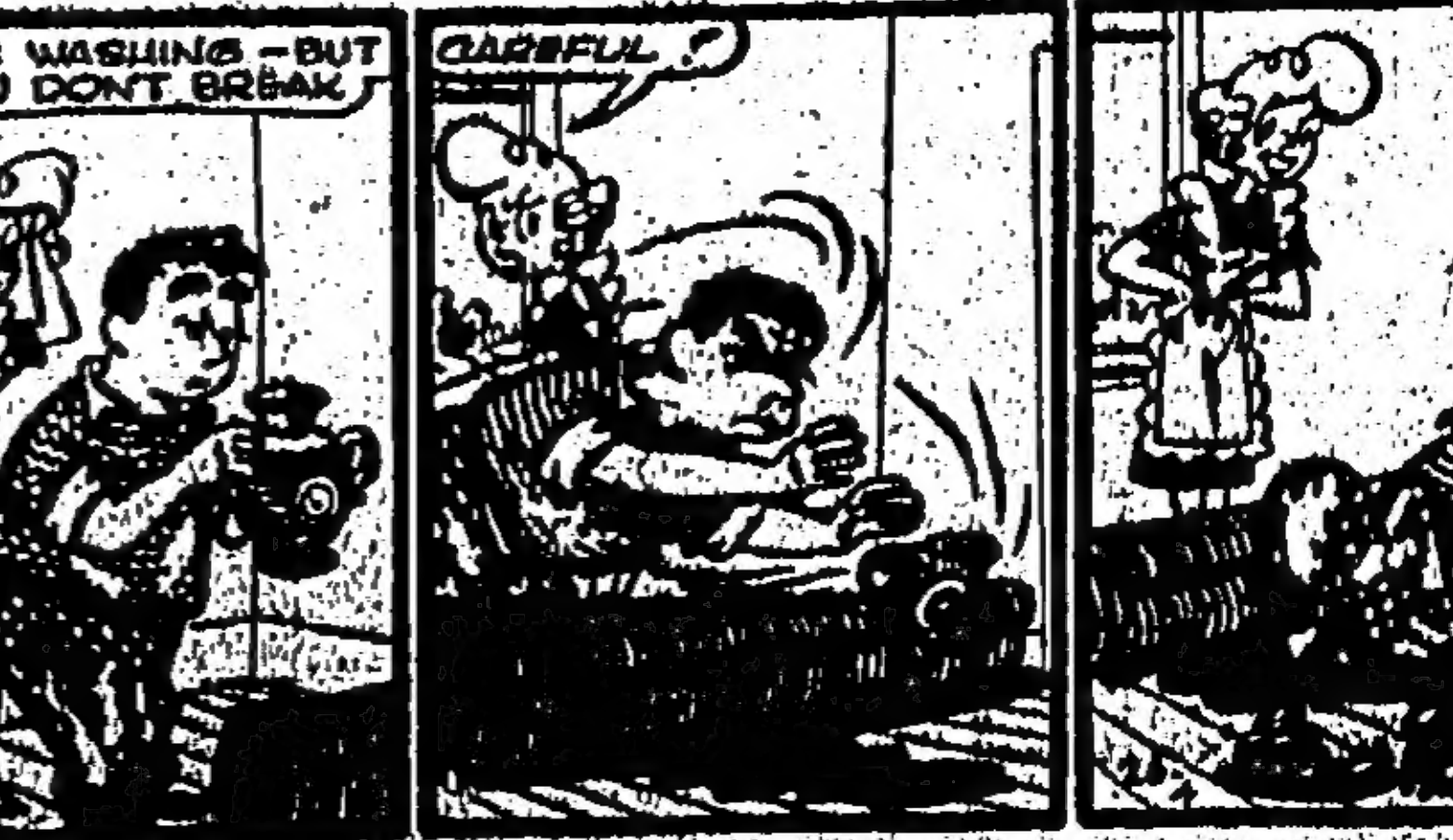
Erskine by his win retained his unbeaten record as a heavy-weight, but it was a close thing. It was a great fight, with Erskine jacking punching power but a far superior boxer. Richardson swinging punches from all angles was set on knocking out his opponent. Erskine took one count—the first of his career—when Richardson caught him with a swing in round five, but took the nine-second count as a breather.

In the previous round his left eyebrow was cut and later this poured with blood under the hammer blows of Richardson.

As if realising there might have been little in it, Erskine staged a terrific final round, tied Richardson up when the heavier man tried his swings, and boxing like a champion landed blow after blow.—China Mail Special.

THE GAMBOLS

By Barry Appleby



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JOCKEY CLUB CLASSIFICATIONS

Mr Gerald Lee's Night People still heads the list in stake money with \$13,500, with Mr O. R. Sadick's Balkan Monarch closing in with \$13,002. Tip Top is still in third place with \$12,500.

Following is the latest classification of ponies list, issued by the Hongkong Jockey Club yesterday.

Class 1	Stakes No. of	Winnings
10,250	2	1
10,000	2	1
9,500	2	1
9,000	2	1
8,500	2	1
8,000	2	1
7,500	2	1
7,000	2	1
6,500	2	1
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Class 2	Stakes No. of	Winnings
10,250	2	1
10,000	2	1
9,500	2	1
9,000	2	1
8,500	2	1
8,000	2	1
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Class 3	Stakes No. of	Winnings
10,250	2	1
10,000	2	1
9,500	2	1
9,000	2	1
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8,000	2	1
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Class 4	Stakes No. of	Winnings
10,250	2	1
10,000	2	1
9,500	2	1
9,000	2	1
8,500	2	1
8,000	2	1
7,500	2	1
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Class 5	Stakes No. of	Winnings
10,250	2	1
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9,000	2	1
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Class 6	Stakes No. of	Winnings
10,250	2	1
10,000	2	1
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9,000	2	1
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Chinese Versus Armed Forces Boxing Match

Mr Tony Martinez of the China Gymnasium will be promoting one of the season's top boxing cards on Saturday, May 19 at the Southern Playground, Wanchai.

His Chinese versus Armed Forces match will see the majority of the Colony's top fighters in action. Henry Wong, Colony Lightweight champion who was so soundly beaten in the Earl Halg Tournament, will again have the tough McGrath as his opponent. Although McGrath won comfortably in their last meeting at the Macpherson Stadium, Wong hopes to reverse the decision.

This bout is just one of the many on a star-studded programme. It is hoped that the boxing will be matched with the Dickenson in another attractive bout.

Watch these columns for further information regarding this tournament.

Class 1	Stakes No. of	Winnings
10,250	2	1
10,000	2	1
9,500	2	1
9,000	2	1
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Class 2	Stakes No. of	Winnings
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10,000	2	1
9,500	2	1
9,000	2	1
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Class 3	Stakes No. of	Winnings
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10,000	2	1
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Class 4	Stakes No. of	Winnings
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Class 8	Stakes No. of	Winnings
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Sports Diary

TODAY

Stanley Shield 7-a-side tournament at Club ground, 6.30 p.m.

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NENNI CUTS CLOSE BONDS WITH ITALIAN COMMUNISTS

Rome, May 7.
Italy's Socialist Party, completely
dwarfed and almost entirely subservient
to the Communist Party for the past ten
years, has embarked on an attempt to
capture leadership of the big leftwing of
Italian political opinion and perhaps to
liquidate Italian communism.

Signor Pietro Nenni, the party's 64-year-old leader, was preparing for a nation-wide local election, the first test of public opinion for three years. In general elections in June 1953, the Communists won the "cold war" break came from the East and West, he was alone among them in choosing the East.

Despite the example of what happened to parties which helped the Communists to power in Eastern Europe, Signor Nenni insisted that in Italy the first essential was to avoid a splitting of the unity of the working classes.

He firmly held his party to a United Action Pact with the Communists, which had grown out of their close collaboration in the Resistance Movement during the war.

As long as the "cold war" lasted, the Italian Socialist Party was practically indistinguishable from the Communist Party. It apparently unhesitatingly approved all Moscow's actions and Signor Nenni won the Stalin Peace Prize for the lead he took in the Moscow-directed "Peace Pact" negotiations.

But gradually he began to use the peace plank as a bridge to the pro-Western parties and as an escape from the thrall of the more powerful Communists.

At the time of the death of Stalin, he launched his party into general elections with an offer to the Christian Democrats, the virtual rulers of Italy, to cooperate with them in the new Parliament in promoting progressive policies.

The Christian Democrats rejected by asking him to abandon his "Pact of United Action" with the Communists, the declared enemies of all Italy's foreign policies and ferocious persecutors of the Catholic Church in the countries which they control.

His new policy was subtly different from that of the Communists who had meanwhile set themselves to court Italy's discontented middle classes, implicitly forswearing the aim of violent revolution in order to do so.

The abrupt shift in Soviet policies, disclosed at the February congress in Moscow of the Russian Communist party, gave Signor Nenni his chance to differentiate his party clearly from the Communists.

For the first time openly disapproving a Moscow decision, he sharply rejected the onslaught on Stalin. He admitted that Stalin might be criticized but demanded that his character and his work be "studied" in their historical perspective and that full reasons be given for any judgment on them.

SENSATIONAL

While the Communists themselves maintained an embarrassed silence, Signor Nenni and his party engaged in a lively discussion of the Moscow decisions, taking full advantage of the Soviet admission that the Socialist state may be achieved by various means.

This admission, together with the Moscow call for more democratic methods, was taken by the Socialists as a complete vindication of their policy and of the existence of their party during the past ten years. The implication was that in the eyes of the rulers of the Soviet Union the Socialist Party in Italy has always been right and is right now and that therefore the Italian Communist Party, wrong all along the line, should give way to it.

The sensational Moscow announcements came as Italy was

MOTORIST SHOT AT BUS DRIVER

Buenos Aires, May 7.
Driving his private car
Alfredo Crispi collided with an
ambulance, started a quarrel with
the driver Sergio Quintas, fired
three shots and missed him but
wounded instead a twelve-year-
old boy who was passing by.
The boy was taken to hospital
in a serious condition and
Crispi went to jail. — China
Mail Special.



Von Brentano
At Luncheon

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Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe 6 p.m.
Canada 8 p.m.
Lao, 8 p.m.
Philippines 8 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
USA, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Indonesia 4 p.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, Africa, Middle East, Italy, Great Britain, Europe, Netherlands, Persia direct 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9
By Air
Thailand, Malaya, N. Borneo, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, 9 a.m.
Formosa, Okinawa, Korea, 10 a.m.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Canada, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, USA, Canada, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Portuguese East Africa & S. Africa, 10.30 a.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 10
By Air
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Lebanon, Ger-
many & Great Britain, 10 a.m.
India, China, France, 11 a.m.
Japan, 11 a.m.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 3 p.m.
Korea, 6 p.m.
USA, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America, 1 p.m.
Malaya, 1 p.m.
Philippines, (Netherlands, Persia direct), 2 p.m.
India-China, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 11
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Japan & Canada, 1 p.m.
N. Borneo, Malaya, Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

West Germany's Foreign Minister, Dr. H. von Brentano, (seated) Mrs. Richard Jemel, wife of the President of the Foreign Press Association in London, at a luncheon given in his honour by the FPA.—Express Photo.

SENGALESE CAPTURED

Rabat, May 7.
A military operation was in progress tonight in an effort to find the 13 Senegalese riflemen who were captured by a rebel band during the night near Karim Jha Mohammed. In the FZ area.

An official announcement stated that some of the patriots came under fire from armed bands and one soldier was killed and six others wounded.

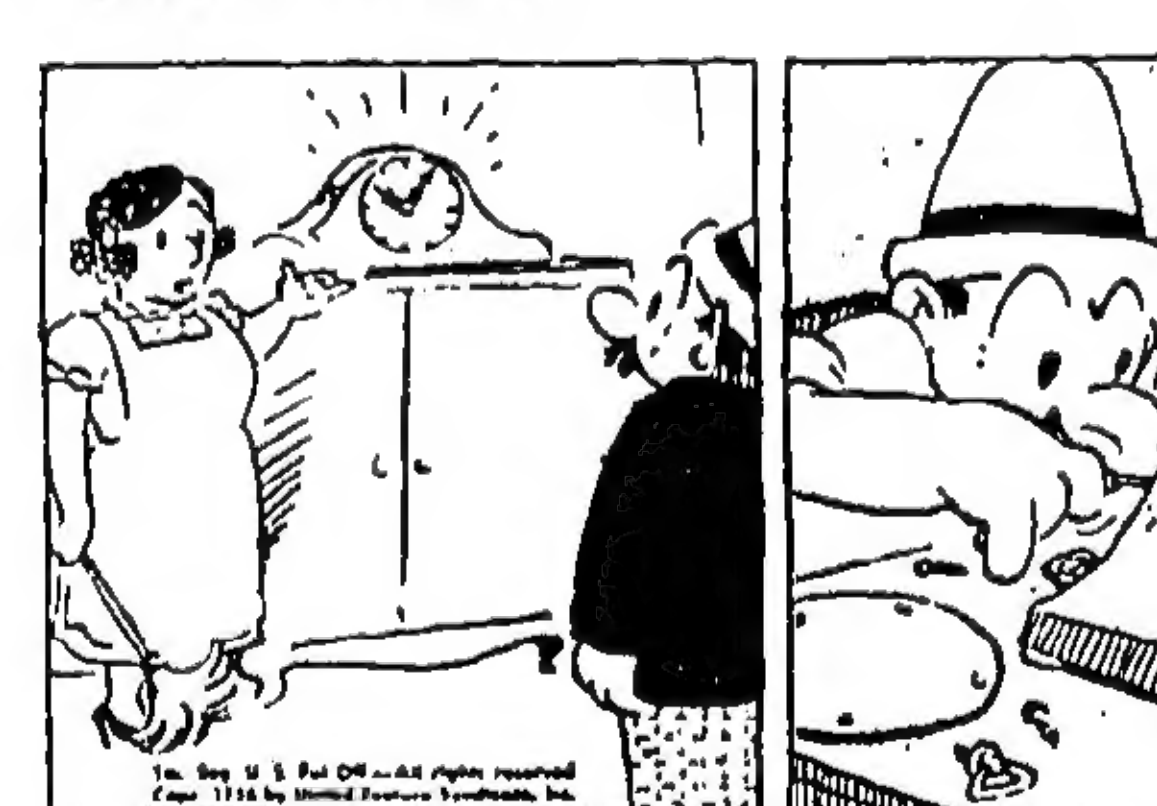
After several clashes, the air force was called in and aircraft machine-gunned a mountain peak on which rebels were believed to be hiding.

During the operation, a helicopter pilot was wounded, but he managed to land his aircraft without damage.—France-Press.

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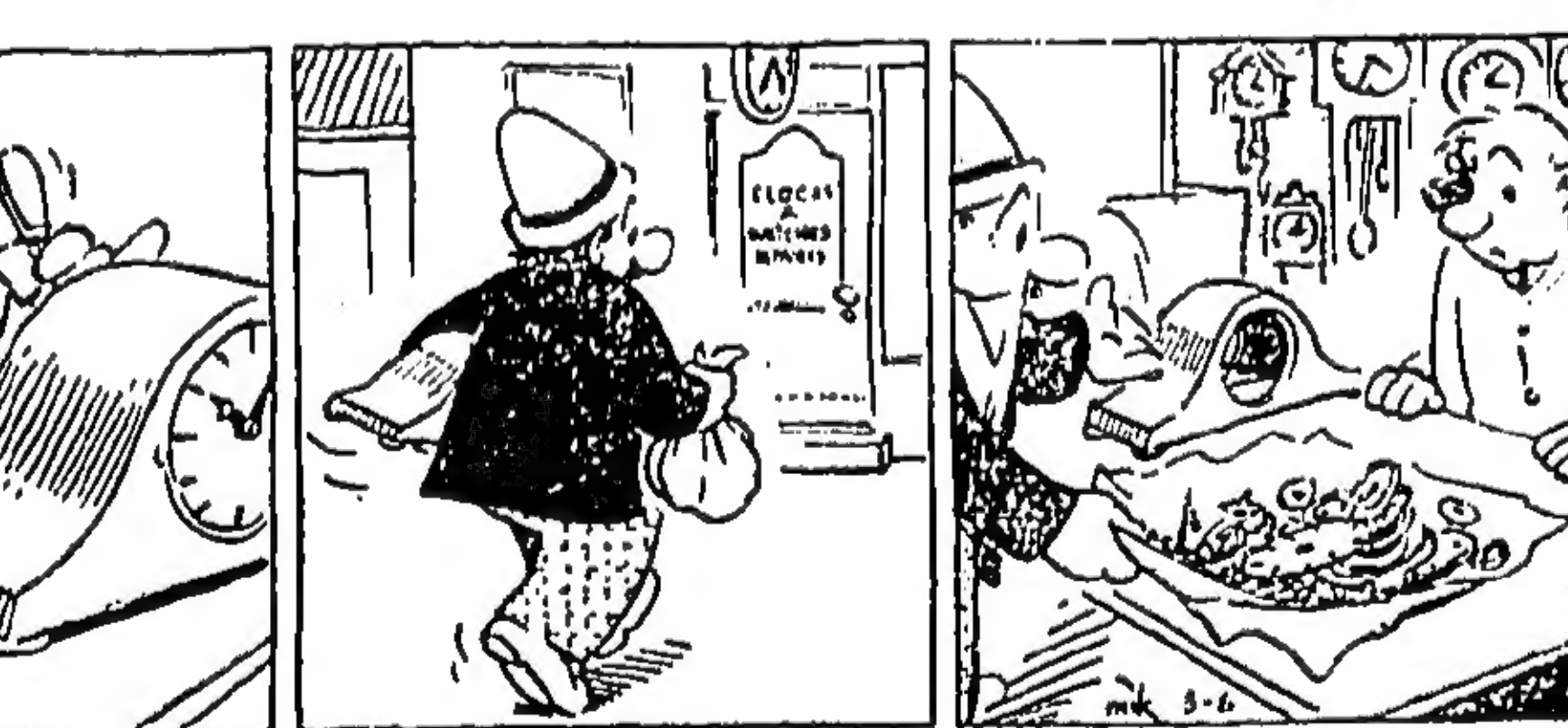
JOHNNY HAZARD



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BRITAIN SPENDS MILLIONS TO ASSIST WORLD'S SEAFARERS

London, May 7.
The observation at scores of functions all over the British Isles this year of the centenary of the Missions to Seamen, the Church of England's world-wide spiritual and welfare organisation for seafarers, has focussed the limelight on the extensive work performed by British maritime societies.

Millions of pounds sterling are spent each year for this work. The money is largely subscribed by people of all walks of life throughout Britain as their offering to a good cause, supplemented by big contributions from the shipowners and the Government.

It reflects the fact that, whatever may be said about fighting navies, Britain still maintains easily the largest mercantile marine in the world.

Three Organisations

But the millions are spent for the benefit of the seafarers of the world as a whole, irrespective of creed, race or colour. The three major organisations carrying on the work as voluntary societies are the Missions to Seamen under the flag of the "Flying Angel", the even older British Sailors' Society, established in 1818 and working under the aegis of the "Free" or Non-Confessional Churches, and the youngest of them, the Catholic Apostleship of the Sea.

All these organisations provide both spiritual and practical help for seamen, through chaplains, lay readers and voluntary workers operating ashore and afloat.

Much of the work centres round clubs or hostels where seafarers touching at the major ports of the world may find inexpensive food and lodging, comfort and entertainment like dances during leisure hours.

For quite contemplation, good friends and good advice in both the mundane and spiritual fields.

Language Difficulty

Visiting seafarers who are sick in hospitals far from home, maintaining family links in times of separation and illness, helping old infirm seafarers are among other tasks of these and

literally creates more specialised maritime societies.

One very recent instance is that of a chaplain of the M.S. to Seamen, in coping with the language difficulty of comfort and cherishing a Russian traveller who landed in hospital in a remote northern Scottish island.

Distribution of books, games, boxes and Christmas goods far to British ships is another facet of the work.

The work of the major voluntary organisations is to some degree co-ordinated and partly financed by the semi official body with the title of Merchant Navy Welfare Board, on which all representatives of the voluntary societies, of the shipowners and of the Government and trades unions of seafarers. The Board itself is directly responsible for many Merchant Navy hotels and clubs at home and abroad.

Although the seamen's clubs and hotels are spread over the world—from Vancouver to Hamburg, from Adelaide to Takoradi on the Gold Coast, or from Saigon to Montevideo—the main concentration is, naturally, in Britain.

Voluntary Organisations

In British ports used by large numbers of seafarers are also found clubs or hostels run by their own nationals.

In the east coast port of Hull, for example, there are not only institutions run by the Missions to Seamen, the Port of Hull Society and the Apostleship of the Sea, but also clubs for Norwegian, Danish, German and Swedish seafarers run by voluntary organisations of their own countries.

The Merchant Navy Welfare Board and voluntary societies also co-operate in tackling such problems as providing for seafarers with special religious requirements. By far the most numerous of these are the Pakistanis and Indians. Hostels financed by the shipowners concerned have been provided in Liverpool, Newcastle and Glasgow to accommodate these crews from the East.

In London, special arrangements have been made to accommodate some Indian and Pakistani seamen at the British Sailors' Society big Empire Memorial Hostel in dockland, where the same society runs clubs catering exclusively for Indians and Pakistanis at the Thames port of Tilbury and at Avonmouth, in the west of England.

The Mercy Mission to Seamen in northwest England runs two similar clubs, the Missions to Seamen has another one in Hull and the Merchant Navy Welfare Board itself runs one in Glasgow. At all these centres proper toilet and cooking facilities are provided to comply with religious requirements.

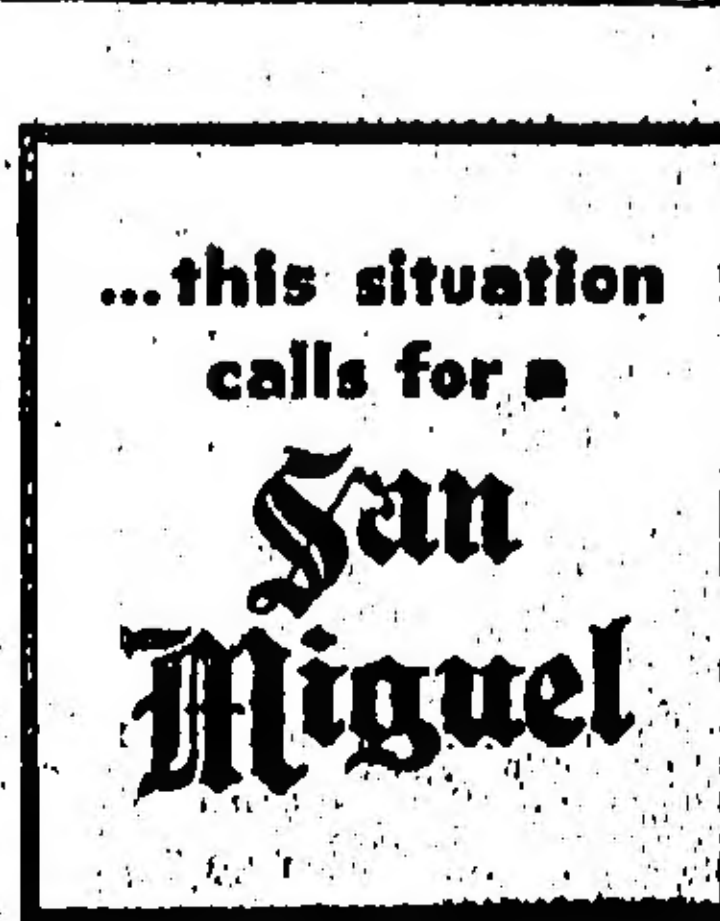
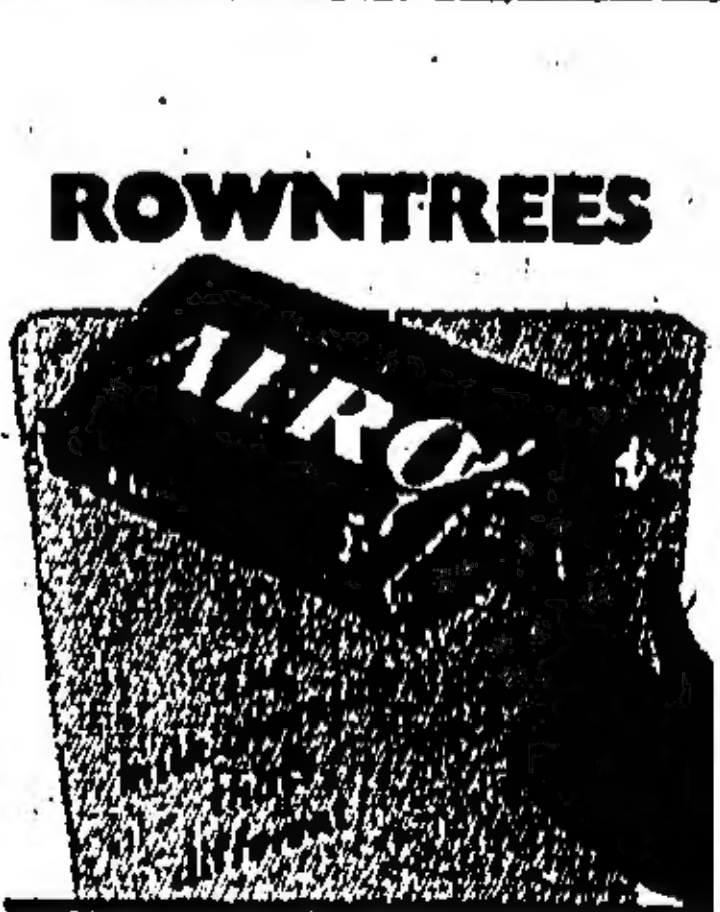
Musical Instruments

These clubs are managed by the voluntary organisations mentioned, but are all financed by the Board which has now taken on the responsibility of ensuring that Indian and Pakistani sailors are adequately cared for.

The Board also provides games, musical instruments and such entertainment as outings, and special showings of films imported from India.

Government officials have welfare officers in Britain to supervise the welfare of their nationals. But this is only a small part of the big picture.

Not only do the world's seafarers find a welcome at about 200 British clubs and hostels around the world, but at scores of other ports honorary chaplains are always ready to visit seafarers in their ships and offer a welcome and good advice and help.—China Mail Special.



ATTENTION HINDI TYPISTS

New Delhi, May 7.
Indian Government experts have been working on a standard keyboard for a Hindi typewriter.

The Hindi alphabet has 46 characters compared with 26 in the English alphabet, so that each key on the Hindi typewriter will have to serve a double purpose.

A keyboard for a standard Hindi typewriter with forty-six keys and 92 characters, including punctuation and numerals, has now been worked out and is expected to go into mass production shortly.—China Mail Special.

